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HOUSE MEMORIAL 91

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 10, 2016 "MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING NEW MEXICO AND NEW MEXICO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED COORDINATORS AFFILIATE DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, in 2015, one hundred eighteen victims lost their lives in crashes caused by impaired driving in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, mothers against drunk driving New Mexico works diligently to support the New Mexico driving while intoxicated coordinators affiliate in all thirty-three New Mexico counties to end impaired driving and to prevent underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, mothers against drunk driving New Mexico supports all victims of impaired driving and underage drinking by offering emotional support, resources, courtroom experience and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, mothers against drunk driving New Mexico and the

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1 New Mexico driving while intoxicated coordinators affiliate
2 recognize the unique cultural characteristics of New Mexico and
3 its people, and they strive to maintain cultural integrity
4 while eliminating impaired driving and underage drinking; and

5 WHEREAS, mothers against drunk driving New Mexico and the
6 New Mexico driving while intoxicated coordinators affiliate
7 recognize the severity of impaired driving and underage
8 drinking and the toll that these behaviors take on New Mexico
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, mothers against drunk driving New Mexico and the
11 New Mexico driving while intoxicated coordinators affiliate
12 work tirelessly to collaborate with law enforcement,
13 legislators, community leaders, prevention workers and
14 concerned citizens to increase awareness of the astronomical
15 toll that impaired driving and underage drinking wreak on loved
16 ones, survivors, the community and future generations; and

17 WHEREAS, mothers against drunk driving New Mexico
18 collaborates in all facets of communities throughout New Mexico
19 by offering prevention programs to parents, guardians and
20 children in kindergarten through the twelfth grade; and

21 WHEREAS, mothers against drunk driving New Mexico supports
22 rehabilitation and education by offering victim impact panels
23 in New Mexico where resources allow; and

24 WHEREAS, victim impact panels educate first-time offenders
25 on the repercussions of impaired driving from a victim

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1 perspective, which impacts offenders as well as the victims;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, mothers against drunk driving New Mexico realizes
4 the catastrophic state of crisis regarding repeat offenders of
5 impaired driving in New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, mothers against drunk driving New Mexico and the
7 New Mexico driving while intoxicated coordinators affiliate
8 strive to ensure that communities are safe; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2015, too many lives were cut short by
10 impaired driving incidents; and

11 WHEREAS, the victims of impaired driving incidents will
12 never be forgotten;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 10,
15 2016 be declared "Mothers Against Drunk Driving New Mexico and
16 New Mexico Driving While Intoxicated Coordinators Affiliate
17 Day" in the house of representatives; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following victims who lost
19 their lives or were injured in crashes caused by impaired
20 driving and were supported by mothers against drunk driving New
21 Mexico in 2015 be remembered: Dave Anderson; Jose Ruiz;
22 Brianna Hillard; Stephanie Baughman; Bidtah Berkis; Gilbert
23 Berkis; Arthur Bia; Elijah Sandoval; Veronica Prieto; Zamiera
24 Casaus; Sonia Sandoval; Michael Soto; Thomas Frosbe; Christina
25 Bethan; Cindy Bolonas; Jermaine Peirtal; Arthur Lee Duran, Jr.;

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1 Jane Davis; James Earwood; Elizabeth Earwood; Monique Sandoval;
2 Mary Soto; Carolyn Cappell; Mathew Grant; Ally Sanchez; Mark
3 Wolfe; Debbie Hill; Judy Scasserra-Cincirpini; Lori Johnson;
4 Peter LaFond; Sergio Mendez; Roberto Mendez; Mandy Miranda; Joe
5 Miranda; Lila Rose; Celeste Maestas; Bobby Dilley; Tina Mora;
6 Mariah Jimenez; Claudia Loza; Ray Loomis; Mariah Miranda; Tonya
7 McCullough; Alicia McKenzie; Tyler McKenzie; Betsy Model;
8 Michael Neff; Reed Rutledge; Grace Sinfield; Alfred Paul Luna,
9 Jr.; Freddy Marcus; Anthonia Nunez; Andrew Rael; Messiah
10 Apodaca; Alyssa Apodaca; Ethan Murray; Belinda Milton; Carmen
11 Salas; Lisa Espinosa; Danny Sanchez; Megan Sanchez; Cecilia
12 Salazar; Samantha Goodyear; Anita Bettchal; Zachary Stone;
13 Daniel Torres-Sierra; Carlos Verdugo; Tanner Woolley; Tarra
14 Tull; Julian Thompson; Florian Miranda; Richard Silva; Colin
15 Hinly; Priscilla Mungia; Viviana Mungia; Tiger Toya; Karina
16 Favela; and Manny Favela; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that awareness of the devastation
18 caused by impaired driving and underage drinking be recognized
19 so that mothers against drunk driving New Mexico can support
20 every victim; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the executive director of mothers against drunk
23 driving New Mexico and the chair of the New Mexico driving
24 while intoxicated coordinators affiliate.