

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 14, 2017 "CHUCK DAVIS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES AND RECOGNIZING HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO
4 NEW MEXICO.

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6 WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Davis, a longtime member of the
7 Las Cruces public schools board of education, died March 9,
8 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was born in 1934 in St. Charles,
10 Illinois, and moved to New Mexico in 1950; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis graduated from Los Alamos high school
12 and earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering
13 from the New Mexico college of agriculture and mechanic arts,
14 now known as New Mexico state university; and

15 WHEREAS, he served in the United States air force for
16 twenty years, and after retiring from the military, Mr. Davis
17 earned his teaching credentials from the university of
18 Arizona, taught elementary school and taught math and science
19 at the mid-school level in Arizona for four years; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis and his family returned to Las
21 Cruces, where he worked for twenty years at White Sands
22 missile range before retiring again; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis became active in the Las Cruces
24 community and was well known throughout New Mexico as an
25 advocate for students, teachers and education; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was first elected to the Las Cruces
2 public schools board of education in 2001, and was reelected
3 in 2005, 2009 and 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, after sixteen years of service, Mr. Davis
5 finished his fourth term in office on February 28, 2017, and
6 retired from the board; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis also served on the Dona Ana community
8 college advisory board as president, vice president and
9 secretary; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was an active member of the New
11 Mexico school boards association, and in 2016, the
12 organization named Mr. Davis the New Mexico board member of
13 the year; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis also served as vice president for the
15 New Mexico school boards association's region seven, which
16 encompasses the Las Cruces district, and in that capacity,
17 Mr. Davis testified before numerous legislative committees,
18 focusing on improvements for education throughout the state;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, as a member of the local school board, Mr.
21 Davis championed many improvements within the Las Cruces
22 public schools, including improving the graduation rate, the
23 construction of two early college high schools and the
24 district's acquisition of the challenger learning center,
25 which supports science, technology, engineering and math

1 instruction; and

2 WHEREAS, throughout the years, Mr. Davis exhibited
3 strong leadership when ensuring that school bond elections
4 and mill levies were held, and passed, in order to build new
5 schools and renovate older ones; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was dedicated to his family and the
7 students of Las Cruces public schools; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is remembered fondly for his dry
9 sense of humor, and behind his gruffness, he exhibited a soft
10 side; and

11 WHEREAS, friends and colleagues also recall his uncanny
12 knack for reading people and his great insight into the
13 motivations of people; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was an active participant in the
15 Democratic party; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is survived by his wife, Helen Davis,
17 a retired Las Cruces public schools educator, and several of
18 their children are also educators;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 14,
21 2017 be declared "Chuck Davis Day" in the house of
22 representatives; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Charles "Chuck" Davis be
24 recognized for his outstanding service to New Mexico; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

1 transmitted to the family of Charles "Chuck" Davis.

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