

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 6, 2018 "NEW MEXICO'S ANGELS ON EARTH
3 DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, ordinary people acting as angels on earth walk
6 among us, reflecting the best of human nature; and

7 WHEREAS, these angels on earth show selfless devotion to
8 their neighbors and communities by honoring the dignity
9 inherent in human nature; and

10 WHEREAS, these faithful guardians see the goodness in
11 all people, including those who cannot see it in themselves;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Albuquerque police officer Ryan Holets and his
14 wife, Rebecca, are two angels on earth, and their
15 extraordinary compassion has set an example for valuing and
16 protecting the worth of every human life by adopting the baby
17 of a pregnant woman who was struggling with heroin addiction;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, on September 23, 2017, after responding to a
20 call at a convenience store, Officer Holets saw a couple
21 nearby using heroin; and

22 WHEREAS, realizing the woman was pregnant, Officer
23 Holets chose to focus on what he could do for the baby and
24 the couple instead of simply arresting the couple on drug
25 charges; and

1 WHEREAS, witnessing the woman's sincere concern for the
2 health of her unborn child, Officer Holets and Rebecca
3 offered to adopt the baby, appropriately named Hope, and they
4 see the addition of Hope to their family as a blessing from
5 God; and

6 WHEREAS, since the birth of baby Hope, Officer Holets
7 has not forgotten his concern for her biological parents and
8 has worked tirelessly to connect them with the treatment
9 services they need to overcome their addictions, regain their
10 health and begin their journey toward recovery; and

11 WHEREAS, as a six-year veteran of the Albuquerque police
12 department, Officer Holets often sees the worst of humanity,
13 and, instead of becoming hardened or cynical, he expressed
14 the best of humanity by responding to the woman's plea for
15 help for her unborn child; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Holets has been called "my personal
17 angel on earth" by baby Hope's biological mother; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Holets hopes that his actions have put
19 a face on drug addiction and adoption and will inspire others
20 to support drug treatment centers and adoption organizations;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Officer Holets and his wife, having opened
23 their home and their family to provide a stable and nurturing
24 environment for a child facing an uncertain future, represent
25 the thousands of adoptive parents throughout New Mexico who

