

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING REPRESENTATIVE JAMES E. SMITH AND RECOGNIZING HIS
3 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, Representative James E. Smith, a Republican,
6 will be retiring after serving four terms in the house of
7 representatives; and

8 WHEREAS, since 2011, Representative Smith has
9 represented district 22, covering Bernalillo, Sandoval and
10 Santa Fe counties; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Smith is a member of the
12 appropriations and finance committee and the education
13 committee; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Smith chaired the government,
15 elections and Indian affairs committee from 2015 to 2016 and
16 is a former member of the regulatory and public affairs
17 committee as well as the voters and elections committee; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Smith graduated with a bachelor
19 of science degree in wildlife management from Northwestern
20 state university in 1977 and a bachelor of arts degree in
21 secondary science education from the college of Santa Fe in
22 1996; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Smith is a former teacher who
24 taught high school science and technology and who owns a
25 computer consulting business; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Smith has been a tireless
2 advocate for New Mexico's students and has worked on numerous
3 efforts to support student achievement, increase parental
4 involvement in education and increase funding for evidence-
5 based early childhood education programs; and

6 WHEREAS, one of Representative Smith's top priorities
7 throughout his legislative career has been to develop a
8 statewide broadband network to improve access for residents
9 and businesses and to develop a workforce that attracts
10 business to the state; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Smith has been a steadfast
12 proponent of government transparency and accountability and
13 has sponsored legislation to improve lobbyist reporting and
14 increase voter access; and

15 WHEREAS, in June 2017, Representative Smith was honored
16 by New Mexico first with the spirit of bipartisanship award
17 for being a leader who put good policy above partisan
18 politics;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that
21 Representative James E. Smith be recognized for his
22 dedication to the representation and well-being of the people
23 of New Mexico; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to Representative James E. Smith. _____