

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING NEW MEXICO'S DAUGHTER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADER
3 DOLORES HUERTA AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 27, 2019 "DOLORES
4 HUERTA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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6 WHEREAS, las mujeres, incorporated, the south valley and
7 Barelas neighbors, neighborhood associations, coalitions and
8 numerous south valley businesses, residents and leaders are
9 joining together to honor one of New Mexico's daughters,
10 civil rights activist Dolores Huerta, with a street that
11 bears her name; and

12 WHEREAS, avenida Dolores Huerta will connect with
13 avenida Cesar Chavez, making it the only street in the nation
14 to join these two civil rights leaders, while making history
15 and attracting positive attention to the Dolores Huerta
16 community, state and nation; and

17 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that these two leaders who
18 worked side by side for equality should be honored with
19 connecting avenues; and

20 WHEREAS, "avenue" by definition means a course of action
21 to be taken in order to approach, attain or gain access to
22 somebody or something; and

23 WHEREAS, the definition of avenue exemplifies the life's
24 work of Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez, who worked
25 tirelessly to gain basic human rights for the

1 disenfranchised; and

2 WHEREAS, as a farm laborer's daughter, Dolores Huerta
3 witnessed the brutal conditions under which her father,
4 brothers and nearly everyone she knew were forced to labor;
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6 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta's own experiences of
7 discrimination and her innate sense of justice and a desire
8 to help others led her to join forces with Cesar Chavez; and

9 WHEREAS, together, through nonviolent protest and a
10 nationally and internationally successful grape strike, they
11 changed the way people who were striking were treated; and

12 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta worked to improve social and
13 economic conditions for farm workers and to fight
14 discrimination; and

15 WHEREAS, to further her cause, Dolores Huerta created
16 the agricultural workers association in 1960 and co-founded
17 what would become the united farm workers; and

18 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta set up voter registration drives
19 and lobbied politicians to allow non-United States citizen
20 migrant workers to receive public assistance and pensions and
21 to provide Spanish-language voting ballots and driver's
22 tests; and

23 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta, a skilled community organizer,
24 traveled from poverty to political victory and became the
25 second Mexican-American woman in history to be honored with

1 the presidential medal of freedom; and

2 WHEREAS, her namesake, the Dolores Huerta foundation,
3 brings organizing and training skills to low-income
4 communities by engaging and developing natural leaders; and

5 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta embodies the values of family,
6 community and land; and

7 WHEREAS, the naming of avenida Dolores Huerta is a
8 unique opportunity to showcase the contributions she has made
9 to her community, state and country;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Dolores
12 Huerta be honored for her fierce and tireless activism to
13 gain basic human rights for the poor and disenfranchised; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 27, 2019 be
15 designated "Dolores Huerta Day" in the house of
16 representatives; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to Dolores Huerta, the mayor of Albuquerque, the
19 Bernalillo county board of county commissioners and the city
20 of Albuquerque city councilors. _____

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