

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING "LA MARCHA DE LOS NOVIOS" AND ITS SIGNIFICANT
3 CONTRIBUTION TO NEW MEXICO'S CULTURAL ENRICHMENT.

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5 WHEREAS, "La Marcha de los Novios" ("March of the
6 Newlyweds") is derived from grand marches with historical
7 roots reaching back to official functions in medieval Europe;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, colonists and merchants traveling up el camino
10 real de tierra adentro brought the tradition of the grand
11 march with them, and it developed into a distinctly
12 New Mexico version; and

13 WHEREAS, for generations, "La Marcha de los Novios" has
14 been performed in New Mexico to the accompaniment of violin,
15 guitar and sometimes mandolin; and

16 WHEREAS, although "La Marcha de los Novios" is a wedding
17 march, it has been and continues to be used throughout
18 New Mexico as part of various community celebrations and
19 important public events; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico's "La Marcha de los Novios" is a
21 story-dance about cooperation, faith in the expression of the
22 goodness of humanity and positive resolution for the future;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, "La Marcha de los Novios" is led by a couple
25 that directs the participants through different movement

1 patterns as the dance is taking place, and, therefore, people
2 of all ages can do it without any specific training in the
3 dance; and

4 WHEREAS, a single performance of "La Marcha de los
5 Novios" can be conducted by as few as four couples or by well
6 over one hundred couples; and

7 WHEREAS, today, "La Marcha de los Novios" is performed
8 all over New Mexico to the accompaniment of contemporary
9 bands and orchestras and is used to open various civic
10 events; and

11 WHEREAS, "La Marcha de los Novios" is simply fun to do;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state be requested to honor
14 "La Marcha de los Novios" and its significant contribution to
15 New Mexico's cultural enrichment; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the governor. _____