

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 SENATE.

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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 SENATE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Dolores Huerta be honored for her  
12 fierce and tireless activism to gain basic human rights for  
13 the poor and disenfranchised; and

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

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

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