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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE SOCIEDAD PROTECCION MUTUA DE TRABAJADORES
UNIDOS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE OF HISPANIC ORIGIN.

WHEREAS, sociedad proteccion mutua de trabajadores
unidos was founded in Antonito, Colorado in 1900 by Celedonio
Mondragon and six other gentlemen who recognized that times
were difficult and had the foresight to come together as one;
and

WHEREAS, the sociedad has established councils in New
Mexico, Colorado and Utah, with its superior council located
in Antonito, Colorado;

WHEREAS, the guiding principles the sociedad was founded
on are to protect members' common heritage, culture and
language, to protect widows and widowers and families left
behind, to help all people of Hispanic origin in partaking
the prosperity and rights of this world, fighting against

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1 discrimination that at times befalls the people like it did
2 their ancestors, and to preserve the culture, heritage and
3 labor privileges for Hispanics and the Spanish language; and

4 WHEREAS, the sociedad furthers these objectives by
5 presenting scholarships, getting involved in school
6 activities and sponsoring some of their own activities and
7 events; and

8 WHEREAS, the approach of the sociedad is peaceful and
9 nonviolent in meeting its objectives;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition
12 be extended to the sociedad proteccion mutua de trabajadores
13 unidos for their dedication and devotion.