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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALBUQUERQUE
HISPANO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce
was founded in 1975 by fourteen citizens who saw a need to
assist the Hispanic-owned and small business community; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce is
one of the largest Hispanic chambers in the United States
and is celebrating its fortieth year in operation; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce is
a first-choice resource that supports business members and
the community by enhancing economic opportunities and by
providing education, training programs and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Albuquerque Hispano chamber
of commerce is "to promote economic development, to enhance
economic development opportunities and to provide business
and work force education with an emphasis on the Hispanic
and small business community in Albuquerque, New Mexico";
and

WHEREAS, the eighteen-thousand-square-foot campus of
the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce is a community
hub that houses many resources, including the Barelás
economic opportunity center, which offers job training and
computer laboratory access to its members and the community,

1 including low-income families; and

2 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce
3 has presented scholarships to students for the past twenty-
4 eight years totaling one million seven hundred thousand
5 dollars (\$1,700,000); and

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce
7 focuses on small business advocacy, education, work force
8 development, economic development and tourism; and

9 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce
10 was recently recognized as the number one Hispanic chamber
11 in the United States by the United States Hispanic chamber
12 of commerce;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of
15 commerce be recognized for the many contributions it has
16 made to Hispanic-owned and small business communities and to
17 the community at large for the past forty years; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albuquerque Hispano
19 chamber of commerce be congratulated for earning the
20 prestigious award of being named the number one Hispanic
21 chamber of commerce in the United States; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial
23 be transmitted to the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of
24 commerce. _____
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