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52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS
OF SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO AND THE COUNTRY.

WHEREAS, the fraternal order of police was founded on
preserving the principles of law and order; and

WHEREAS, fraternal order of police members dedicate
themselves to promoting harmony and the social welfare of
citizens and protecting the rights of citizens; and

WHEREAS, fraternal order of police members have taken an
oath while serving as law enforcement officers to protect and
serve residents in the communities where they reside; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, police officers faced long working hours
and harsh conditions with no organizations to make police
officers' voices heard and no means to address grievances; and

WHEREAS, two Pittsburgh patrol officers knew they must

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1 first organize like other labor interests if they were to make
2 life better for themselves and their fellow police officers and
3 families; and

4 WHEREAS, twenty-three police officers met on May 14, 1915
5 and held the first meeting of the fraternal order of police,
6 and the tradition of police officers representing police
7 officers was born; and

8 WHEREAS, from that small beginning, the fraternal order of
9 police grew into the nation's largest police organization and
10 now boasts more than two thousand lodges and more than three
11 hundred thousand members; and

12 WHEREAS, the New Mexico state lodge was founded in 1954
13 and is one of the state's oldest and largest law enforcement
14 organizations, with two thousand five hundred active members
15 organized in twenty lodges throughout the state; and

16 WHEREAS, the fraternal order of police continues to grow
17 in New Mexico and across the country with members who have been
18 true to the organization's tradition and continue to build on
19 it; and

20 WHEREAS, the fraternal order of police is composed of
21 proud professionals working on behalf of all law enforcement
22 officers from all ranks and levels of government;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the fraternal
25 order of police be recognized for one hundred years of service

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1 to the residents of New Mexico and to the country; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the New Mexico state lodge of the fraternal
4 order of police.

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