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HOUSE MEMORIAL 105

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE NORA ESPINOZA AND RECOGNIZING HER  
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, after five terms of dedicated public service,  
Representative Nora Espinoza will be retiring from legislative  
service at the end of her term; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, Representative Espinoza, a Republican  
party member, has represented district 59, which covers Chaves  
and Lincoln counties; and

WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza is the chairwoman of the  
house education committee and a member of the house regulatory  
and public affairs committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza has a twenty-three-year  
career as a teacher and an administrator, which informs her  
positions on education legislation; and

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1           WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza has been a staunch  
2 supporter of legislation advancing third-grade reading  
3 standards and retention; and

4           WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza has stated that she is a  
5 strong believer that children must master in the minors of  
6 reading, writing and mathematics; and

7           WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza has also served as the  
8 chair of the Chaves county Republican party and as president of  
9 the Chaves county federated Republican women; and

10          WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza was born and raised in  
11 Panama City, Panama; and

12          WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza is an enthusiastic tennis  
13 player and was an Olympic swimmer for Panama City, Panama; and

14          WHEREAS, in 2003, Representative Espinoza earned a  
15 bachelor of arts degree in religious education from new  
16 covenant international university; and

17          WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza began her career as a  
18 teacher and a school administrator in private Christian schools  
19 before working as the protocol liaison and cadet services  
20 coordinator for the New Mexico military institute in Roswell;  
21 and

22          WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza is married to Sonny  
23 Espinoza, whom she met in Panama City, dated once and then  
24 conducted a courtship by mail for six months before their  
25 marriage; and

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