

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE POSTMASTER  
3 GENERAL TO SUPPORT THE ISSUANCE OF A POSTAGE STAMP  
4 COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON  
5 FIESTA.

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7 WHEREAS, in 1972, the Albuquerque international balloon  
8 fiesta began with participation of thirteen hot air balloons;  
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10 WHEREAS, over the years, the Albuquerque international  
11 balloon fiesta has grown into the world's largest hot air  
12 ballooning event, hosting as many as one thousand balloons;  
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14 WHEREAS, for nine days starting the first Saturday of  
15 October, pilots, crews and spectators from all over the world  
16 attend the Albuquerque international balloon fiesta; and

17 WHEREAS, hundreds of balloons lift off at dawn each  
18 morning of the balloon fiesta and tethered balloons glow in  
19 the evenings as propane burners inflate the balloons against  
20 a dark sky; and

21 WHEREAS, the event has been visited by millions of  
22 people since the balloon fiesta's inception and is said to be  
23 the world's most photographed event; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2021, the fiftieth Albuquerque international  
25 balloon fiesta will be held; and

1           WHEREAS, visitors and aficionados collect memorabilia  
2 representing the Albuquerque international balloon fiesta;  
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4           WHEREAS, a postage stamp commemorating the fiftieth  
5 annual Albuquerque international balloon fiesta would be a  
6 treasured remembrance of the event; and

7           WHEREAS, the citizens' stamp advisory committee is  
8 charged with reviewing subjects for commemorative stamps and  
9 for recommending new subjects for commemorative stamps to the  
10 United States postal service postmaster general for  
11 determination;

12           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United  
14 States postal service postmaster general be encouraged to  
15 support the issuance of a postage stamp commemorating the  
16 fiftieth Albuquerque international balloon fiesta; and

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the citizens' stamp advisory committee of the  
19 United States postal service and the board of directors of the  
20 Albuquerque international balloon fiesta. \_\_\_\_\_