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HOUSE MEMORIAL 9
54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019
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A MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO RENAME THE
GEORGE RINALDI, SR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE ON UNITED STATES ROUTE 550
OVER THE RIO GRANDE IN BERNALILLO TO THE GIOVANNI GIORGIO
RINALDI BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, requests for the designation or dedication by
name of any department of transportation bridge are submitted
to the state transportation commission for approval; and

WHEREAS, a requested designation by name is intended as a
memorial to an event, a person or persons of historical
significance or intended as an honor to a person or persons of
national esteem; and

WHEREAS, state transportation commission records show that
the New Mexico house of representatives passed House Memorial
14 in 1955 requesting that bridge 1736 be designated as the
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1 George Rinaldi, Sr. memorial bridge, and the former state
2 highway commission concurred; and

3 WHEREAS, action was not taken on the dedication of the
4 bridge until February 21, 1986, when the state highway
5 commission ordered the dedication of former bridge 1736 on
6 United States route 550 over the Rio Grande in Bernalillo as
7 the George Rinaldi, Sr. memorial bridge; and

8 WHEREAS, a plaque dedicating the bridge to George Rinaldi,
9 Sr. was removed or stolen from the bridge several years ago;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the family of George Rinaldi, Sr. is requesting
12 that the plaque be replaced and that the replacement plaque
13 reflect his given name, Giovanni Giorgio Rinaldi; and

14 WHEREAS, Giovanni Giorgio Rinaldi was the first Rinaldi in
15 New Mexico and, because people had difficulty pronouncing his
16 name, he was often called George;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state
19 transportation commission be requested to rename the George
20 Rinaldi, Sr. memorial bridge on United States route 550 over
21 the Rio Grande in Bernalillo to the Giovanni Giorgio Rinaldi
22 bridge; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque reflecting the name
24 change be installed at the bridge dedication site; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the state transportation commission and the
2 family of Giovanni Giorgio Rinaldi.

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