

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PRESENTING THE SPEAKER'S GAVEL.

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4 WHEREAS, the speaker's gavel is the symbol of the office
5 of the speaker of the house of representatives; and

6 WHEREAS, the speaker's gavel, made in collaboration and
7 crafted by hand by master craftsmen Douglas Magnus and Dylan
8 Weller, is a gift to the New Mexico House of Representatives;
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10 WHEREAS, Douglas Magnus and Dylan Weller have honed
11 their woodworking craft in New Mexico for decades; and

12 WHEREAS, Douglas Magnus has spent the last forty years
13 discovering and mastering the unique materials that New
14 Mexico has to offer, exhibiting collections of his work
15 widely throughout the state and country; and

16 WHEREAS, Dylan Weller, a third-generation woodworker,
17 has completed extensive custom work, notably for SITE Santa
18 Fe, and has dedicated time mentoring others at the
19 woodworking club at St. John's college; and

20 WHEREAS, made in Santa Fe using traditional woodworking
21 and silversmithing techniques, the speaker's gavel reflects
22 the artistry and creativity for which New Mexico's artisans
23 are known; and

24 WHEREAS, the speaker's gavel is constructed of walnut, a
25 wood known for its toughness and a symbol of intelligence,

1 wisdom and knowledge; and

2 WHEREAS, the speaker's gavel is embedded with turquoise
3 mined from the famous Tiffany and Castillian mines of
4 Cerrillos, New Mexico, and is embellished with a sterling
5 silver zia at its head; and

6 WHEREAS, designed to reflect the self-reliant spirit of
7 all New Mexicans, the speaker's gavel symbolizes the hard
8 work and tenacity that have shaped New Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, in that same spirit, the speaker's gavel unites
10 all New Mexicans in the spirit of the state's constitution;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the speaker's gavel shall remain in the
13 people's house for future legislatures;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the speaker's
16 gavel be presented to the New Mexico House of
17 Representatives; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to Douglas Magnus and Dylan Weller. _____

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