

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING DAVID LEE UBINGER, RECIPIENT OF THE 2020 GOLDEN
3 APPLE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD.

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5 WHEREAS, David Lee Ubinger, a mathematics teacher at
6 Chaparral high school in the Gadsden independent school
7 district, is the recipient of a 2020 golden apple excellence
8 in teaching award; and

9 WHEREAS, David has been teaching at Chaparral high
10 school, near El Paso, since the school's opening in 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, the golden apple foundation of New Mexico names
12 up to seven teachers each year from across New Mexico for the
13 golden apple excellence in teaching award; and

14 WHEREAS, those who are recognized are representative of
15 the talented teachers in New Mexico classrooms who inspire
16 students to new heights of learning; and

17 WHEREAS, David actively seeks out new resources and has
18 created a learning environment for his students that is
19 engaging and authentic; and

20 WHEREAS, David was inspired to begin a teaching career
21 while he was studying civil engineering at the university of
22 Texas at El Paso; and

23 WHEREAS, while teaching in a summer program, David began
24 to hear students talking about "not being good at math"; and

25 WHEREAS, David wanted to challenge the notion that skill

1 in mathematics and sciences is for a certain type of student
2 or that being good at mathematics is genetic; and

3 WHEREAS, David wanted to reinforce through his teaching
4 that every student can, at the very least, learn, if not
5 excel, in mathematics, science, health and engineering; and

6 WHEREAS, David eventually changed his major and earned a
7 scholarship from the national aeronautics and space
8 administration to teach mathematics; and

9 WHEREAS, according to David: "One of the funniest
10 things I have found challenging is whether a student thinks
11 that they have a high ability or low ability, they all have
12 the opportunity to learn. I kind of embrace that
13 challenge.";

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition
16 be extended to Chaparral high school mathematics teacher
17 David Lee Ubinger, recipient of the 2020 golden apple
18 excellence in teaching award; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
20 transmitted to David Lee Ubinger. _____

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