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HOUSE MEMORIAL 70

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM E. WARREN'S  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, William E. Warren was a state representative from  
house district 11 in Bernalillo county from 1971 to 1978, which  
became district 21 in the near northeast heights of Albuquerque  
after the 1972 reapportionment; and

WHEREAS, Representative Warren served in the United States  
air force and had a career with Sandia national laboratories as  
an applied mathematician; and

WHEREAS, throughout his legislative career, Representative  
Warren was an advocate for equal educational opportunities  
between rich and poor school districts and for equality between  
men and women; and

WHEREAS, Representative Warren's accomplishments in school

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1 funding included recognizing the fundamental inequality of  
2 school districts funded with local revenue sources, which  
3 produced wide disparities on a per-pupil basis between rich and  
4 poor school districts and exacerbated an uneven allocation of  
5 funding to support the special needs of students; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Warren was instrumental in  
7 developing and ensuring the passage of the equalized school  
8 funding formula in House Bill 85 of the 1974 legislative  
9 session, which was subsequently recognized nationally as second  
10 only to Hawaii for funding students equitably and is still a  
11 fundamental basis of school funding in New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Warren recognized the basic  
13 inequality of New Mexico's treatment of women in community  
14 property laws at the time, which denied them full agency in  
15 financial matters such as loans, titles and inheritance, as  
16 well as being assigned inferior roles in many other aspects of  
17 New Mexico life; and

18 WHEREAS, in the 1972 legislative session, Representative  
19 Warren was a primary sponsor of the equal rights amendment to  
20 the constitution of New Mexico by introducing House Joint  
21 Resolution 2. He was instrumental in promoting and defending  
22 the equal rights amendment to the constitution of New Mexico as  
23 it made its way through the 1972 legislative process and was  
24 rewarded when the residents of the state voted to approve the  
25 amendment by a large margin; and

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1           WHEREAS, on the first day of the 1973 legislative session,  
2 Representative Warren introduced House Joint Resolution 2 to  
3 provide for New Mexico's ratification of the equal rights  
4 amendment to the United States constitution, which was passed  
5 overwhelmingly by the house of representatives and the senate,  
6 enabling New Mexico to be the twenty-seventh state to ratify  
7 the federal equal rights amendment; and

8           WHEREAS, Representative Warren introduced House Bill 22 in  
9 the 1974 legislative session to establish and fund the  
10 commission on the status of women and worked diligently against  
11 entrenched opposition to get the bill passed;

12           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that former state  
14 Representative William E. Warren be honored for his dedication  
15 to equality in the funding of New Mexico's schools and in his  
16 many accomplishments in furthering equality for men and women;  
17 and

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to former state Representative William E. Warren.