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SENATE MEMORIAL 5

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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 4, 2023 "M.T.O. SHAHMAGHSOUDI SCHOOL OF ISLAMIC SUFISM DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the diverse cultural, ethnic, racial and religious heritage of New Mexicans is a fundamental characteristic of the community and contributes greatly to the quality of life in the state; and

WHEREAS, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic Sufism in Albuquerque is an international nonprofit organization with a range of community, charitable and learning initiatives, such as interfaith efforts, disaster responses, Sufi concentration and meditation practices, Sufi psychology and arts and culture, including Quran study, music and youth mentorship and support; and

WHEREAS, during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, the

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1 M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic Sufism saw a growing
2 need in the most vulnerable, including the homeless, low-income
3 families and the elderly; and

4 WHEREAS, in Albuquerque, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school
5 of Islamic Sufism was honored for the opportunity to give back
6 with over five thousand items of personal protective equipment,
7 such as sewn cotton masks and face shields for adults and
8 children, that were donated to hospitals, nursing homes,
9 community centers and homeless and refugee centers; and

10 WHEREAS, one and eight-tenths tons of donated
11 nonperishable food items were donated to local organizations;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic Sufism
14 has also been active throughout the pandemic with interfaith
15 activities, including participation and presentations at
16 interfaith dialogue events and hosting roundtable events
17 highlighting important topics; and

18 WHEREAS, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic Sufism
19 is an active participant in interfaith groups addressing
20 sustainability and hunger; and

21 WHEREAS, the school also holds volunteer events at various
22 pantries, food drives and planting events hosted by the city of
23 Albuquerque; and

24 WHEREAS, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic Sufism
25 raises awareness of sustainability principles with events, such

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1 as recycled art projects on display at the Erna Fergusson
2 public library and other recycling events; and

3 WHEREAS, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic Sufism
4 has long been active in the community, whether by initiating
5 interfaith dialogue to bring greater tolerance and
6 understanding among different faiths or assisting those in
7 need;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
9 OF NEW MEXICO that February 4, 2023 be declared "M.T.O.
10 Shahmaghsoudi School of Islamic Sufism Day" in the senate; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
12 transmitted to M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic Sufism in
13 Albuquerque.