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42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

RAYMOND G. SANCHEZ

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ENSURING THAT THE PORTRAIT MONUMENT TO LUCRETIA MOTT, ELIZABETH CADY STANTON AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY BE RESTORED TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE OF HONOR IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE NATION' S CAPITOL.

WHEREAS, August 26, 1995 marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of woman suffrage. The nineteenth amendment to the United States constitution states simply, "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex". This amendment granted to approximately one-half of the population the right to vote. The struggle to achieve woman suffrage spanned a period of seventy-two years; and

WHEREAS, the women, the suffragists, with extraordinary

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1 vision, courage and perseverance, battled to win the right to  
2 vote and ultimately succeeded; and

3 WHEREAS, the early leaders of the suffrage movement were  
4 more than deserving of an appropriate monument. A statue was  
5 commissioned and upon completion was donated to the people of  
6 the United States. On February 10, 1921, the joint committee on  
7 the library of congress of the United States voted to accept the  
8 statue entitled the "Portrait Monument to Lucretia Mott,  
9 Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony"; and

10 WHEREAS, the monument was briefly displayed in the rotunda  
11 of the capitol but was subsequently moved to the crypt of the  
12 capitol. It had been the goal of the seventy-fifth anniversary  
13 of woman suffrage task force to have the monument moved to the  
14 rotunda, as the placement in the rotunda would be a fitting  
15 place to honor the suffragists; and

16 WHEREAS, the senate passed unanimously on July 17, 1995 the  
17 Portrait Monument Restoration Act, S. Con. Resolution 21, to  
18 restore the portrait monument and return it to the rotunda.  
19 When the act came to the floor of the house, opponents stated  
20 that private funds in the amount of seventy-five thousand  
21 dollars (\$75,000) should be used to relocate the statue; and

22 WHEREAS, the private funds are available in the capitol  
23 preservation fund, which is controlled by the United States  
24 capitol preservation commission made up of members of the senate  
25 and the house. The co-chairmen of the commission are the

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1 president pro tempore, Senator Strom Thurmond, and the speaker  
2 of the house, Representative Newt Gingrich;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it urge the New  
5 Mexico congressional delegation to take a leadership role in  
6 ensuring that the portrait monument to Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth  
7 Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony be restored to its rightful  
8 place of honor in the rotunda of the capitol; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the members of New Mexico's congressional  
11 delegation.

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# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 2, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be  
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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4 The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 8

6 Excused: Nicely, Olguin, Pederson, Picraux, Rodella,

7 J. G. Taylor, Wallach

8 Absent: None

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# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 13, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary K. King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Abeyta, Charley, Sandel, Vigil

Absent: None

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