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**SENATE MEMORIAL 12**

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1999**

INTRODUCED BY  
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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING RABBI LEONARD HELMAN FOR HIS  
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, Rabbi Leonard Helman has been the spiritual  
leader of Congregation Beit Tikva in Santa Fe since its  
formation in 1995; and

WHEREAS, he is a popular fellow in the community, with  
people stopping him on the street to tell a joke, ask him  
about a legal procedure or check on his standing in the latest  
bridge tournament; and

WHEREAS, he is frequently seen at St. Vincent's Hospital,  
visiting and comforting ailing congregants, friends and  
acquaintances; and

WHEREAS, he has officiated at numerous joyous events,  
such as bar and bat mitzvahs and weddings as well as more  
sobering events such as funerals and memorial services; and

WHEREAS, he has delivered many prayers and invocations  
for the legislature, has served as a New Mexico state judge  
and chaplain to the state legislature; and

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WHEREAS, he is ever the poised cleric, inspiring us with his uplifting sermons and his understated dignity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to Rabbi Leonard Helman for his dedicated service to the spiritual life of the community of Santa Fe and to the state of New Mexico.