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45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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A MEMORIAL

**HONORING SHARLENE SHOEMAKER FOR TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE TO
THE LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS, Sharlene Shoemaker has been a loyal and
dedicated employee of the legislative council service since
1979; and**

**WHEREAS, Sharlene was hired mid-session to replace
another drafter who left abruptly - rumor had it, two steps
ahead of the authorities; and**

**WHEREAS, she at first resisted, but eventually exchanged
her speedy electric IBM and sharp No. 2 pencil for a personal
computer, all the while continuing to harbor a deep distrust
of "those" machines; and**

**WHEREAS, Sharlene embodies the philosophy of the
legislative council service staff in her service to the**

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1 legislature, as illustrated by her willingness to transform an
2 idea from its beginning, rough and often unworkable form into
3 a well-crafted piece of legislation ready for consideration
4 and intense scrutiny by New Mexico's legislative body; and

5 WHEREAS, following in Gloria Trujillo's footsteps, she
6 served as the quiet "right" and "left" hands of
7 Representatives Jerry Sandel, Don Whitaker and Ben Lujan and
8 Senators Eddie Lopez and Carlos Cisneros, and all the members
9 of the countless interim tax committees; and

10 WHEREAS, during her tenure, Sharlene became an expert on
11 a myriad of issues, most specifically finance and tax policy,
12 and she was instrumental in reforming the capital outlay
13 process in the legislature; and

14 WHEREAS, Sharlene epitomizes the professionalism that is
15 the *sine qua non* of legislative staff services; and

16 WHEREAS, upon retiring, and after years of patiently
17 waiting, Sharlene's family and friends will finally be able to
18 share precious time with her; and

19 WHEREAS, when Sharlene retires, she takes with her the
20 respect and admiration of the legislators, her co-workers and
21 other professionals; and

22 WHEREAS, Sharlene Shoemaker, a firm believer that her
23 role and that of other nonpartisan staff at the roundhouse
24 should remain "behind-the-scenes", would certainly eschew the
25 idea that her retirement would be memorialized, but will have

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1 to accept that this is one action that she simply cannot
2 control;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Sharlene
5 Shoemaker be honored for her innumerable professional
6 contributions to the legislature and citizens of the state of
7 New Mexico, for her relentless pursuit of excellence, for her
8 commitment and for years of dedicated public service; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
10 transmitted to Sharlene Shoemaker, a loyal and devoted long-
11 time employee of the legislative council service who will be
12 missed by all.