

A MEMORIAL

**RECOGNIZING NEW MEXICO'S NURSES FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS
AND DEDICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO.**

WHEREAS, the vacancy rate for nurses in New Mexico hospitals, nursing homes and other health facilities is twenty-one percent; and

WHEREAS, a nationwide shortage of nurses exists; and

WHEREAS, the average age of a registered nurse in New Mexico is over forty-six; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's thirteen thousand five hundred nurses are essential to the delivery of quality health care in hospitals, nursing homes, health clinics and other facilities; and

WHEREAS, nurses are working long hours under difficult working conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all of New Mexico's nurses be recognized for their tireless efforts and dedication to the people of New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the board of nursing and the New Mexico nurses' association.