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SENATE MEMORIAL 68

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NEW MEXICO CHILDREN'S
FOUNDATION IN SERVING THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EDUCATIONAL AND
SOCIAL NEEDS OF NEW MEXICO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, residents of New Mexico are blessed to live in
this great state, which ranks in the top tier of states in
terms of the beauty of its landscapes, the richness of its
cultures and the natural resources of its land; and

WHEREAS, too many of New Mexico's youngest residents do
not have the opportunity to live safe and healthy lives with
bright futures; and

WHEREAS, when it comes to caring for children, New Mexico
ranks forty-ninth compared to other states in many indicators;
and

WHEREAS, former first lady Alice King, wife of former

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1 governor Bruce King, created the New Mexico children's
2 foundation in 1992 because of her determination and dedication
3 to support and nurture New Mexico's children; and

4 WHEREAS, the mission of the New Mexico children's
5 foundation is to support small programs statewide that serve
6 the physical, mental, educational and social needs of children
7 and their families in order to improve the lives of New Mexico
8 children and their families; and

9 WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation is beginning
10 its twenty-first year as a visionary, community-focused
11 organization that provides meaningful grants to nonprofit
12 children's organizations throughout New Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation has
14 contributed over one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in small
15 grants to more than one hundred sixty nonprofit organizations
16 across the state, in communities ranging from Bloomfield to
17 Hobbs, Raton to Silver City and including cities and towns such
18 as Las Cruces, Roswell, Ruidoso, Ojo Sarco, Taos, Las Vegas,
19 Albuquerque and Santa Fe; and

20 WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation's grants
21 have supported programs that deal with: suicide prevention;
22 support for families and children who are grieving the loss of
23 a loved one; court-appointed special advocates who represent
24 children in foster care; summer camps for children on whose
25 lives HIV-AIDS has had an impact; and summer programs in rural

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1 communities; and

2 WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation provides
3 grants for basic necessities such as shoes, back-to-school
4 supplies and emergency shelter for children and families,
5 after-school programs that provide a safe and nurturing
6 environment, science programs that complement school programs,
7 libraries in rural areas, literacy programs for children and
8 families and many more programs that enrich the lives of
9 children and families; and

10 WHEREAS, the board of directors of the New Mexico
11 children's foundation works tirelessly to raise money through
12 special events such as "100 women making a difference", golf
13 tournaments and direct appeals; and

14 WHEREAS, eighty-four percent of all of the money raised by
15 the New Mexico children's foundation is used for making grants;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
17 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico children's foundation be
18 recognized for its extensive efforts to serve the physical,
19 mental, educational and social needs of New Mexico children and
20 their families; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the New Mexico children's foundation.