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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION  
OF THE BLIND OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, on June 2, 1956, blind people in New Mexico  
created their own organization and established what is now  
known as the national federation of the blind of New Mexico;  
and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2016, the national federation of the  
blind of New Mexico will celebrate its sixtieth anniversary and  
will honor this momentous milestone at its annual convention  
April 8 through 10, 2016 in Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years, the national federation of the  
blind of New Mexico has conducted programs and initiated  
activities designed to teach blind people and the public that  
the characteristic of blindness does not result in a life of

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1 dependence, hopelessness and despair; and

2 WHEREAS, the national federation of the blind of New  
3 Mexico has served as a vehicle for collective action and  
4 advocacy for persons who are blind and, through its actions,  
5 have demonstrated the ability of the blind to work together to  
6 solve common problems; and

7 WHEREAS, the national federation of the blind of New  
8 Mexico serves as a source of inspiration and encouragement for  
9 persons who are new to vision loss or to blindness by giving  
10 them an opportunity to exchange valuable information with  
11 individuals in similar situations;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the national  
14 federation of the blind of New Mexico be recognized on its  
15 sixtieth anniversary for its service to help people understand  
16 that blindness does not limit the prospects for a life filled  
17 with success, independence and contribution to society; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the president of the national federation of the  
20 blind of New Mexico.