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HOUSE MEMORIAL 84

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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A MEMORIAL

COMMENDING ALEX O. ROMERO FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF ALBUQUERQUE AND NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Alex O. Romero recently announced his retirement, effective April 28, 2017, from the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce after serving twelve years as its president and chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce, Alex retired after thirty-five years with the bank of America, last serving as its executive vice president; and

WHEREAS, during his nearly fifty years in Albuquerque's business community, Alex chaired the state's economic development commission, small business regulatory advisory commission and Hispanic education advisory council, as well as the Lovelace medical center governing board and Albuquerque

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1 Hispano chamber of commerce board of directors; and

2 WHEREAS, under Alex's leadership, the Albuquerque Hispano  
3 chamber of commerce became the largest chamber of commerce in  
4 New Mexico and the largest Hispanic chamber of commerce in the  
5 United States and was named the 2014 and 2015 Hispanic chamber  
6 of the year by the United States Hispanic chamber of commerce;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Alex has always been passionate about education  
9 for New Mexico and its children and was instrumental in  
10 advocating for, and helping pass, the Hispanic Education Act,  
11 which strives to reduce the achievement gap between Hispanic  
12 and non-Hispanic students; and

13 WHEREAS, Alex has been nominated by the governor to be a  
14 member of the board of regents for the university of New  
15 Mexico;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Alex O. Romero  
18 be commended for his years of dedicated service to the  
19 residents of Albuquerque and New Mexico; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alex be commended for his  
21 leadership of the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to Alex O. Romero and the Albuquerque Hispano  
24 chamber of commerce.