

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 120

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, during his nearly fifty years in Albuquerque's
22 business community, Alex chaired the state's economic
23 development commission, small business regulatory advisory
24 commission and Hispanic education advisory council, as well as
25 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 SENATE OF THE STATE
17 OF NEW MEXICO that Alex O. Romero be commended for his years of
18 dedicated service to the residents of Albuquerque and New
19 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.