

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE HISPANIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE FOR ITS
3 COLLABORATION EFFORTS IN PROMOTING GREATER AWARENESS,
4 APPRECIATION AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION OF NEW MEXICO MUSIC
5 AND MARIACHI MUSIC IN NEW MEXICO FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.
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7 WHEREAS, New Mexico music stretches back centuries, with
8 roots in thirteenth century pueblo music, and incorporates
9 ranchera, Navajo, country and western folk styles; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico music is a unique musical genre,
11 recognized for its up-tempo rhythms, ranchera polka, bolero
12 rhythms and distinctive vocals; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico music has been influenced by many
14 legendary New Mexican artists, such as Al Hurricane, Al
15 Hurricane, Jr., Tobias Rene, the Blue Ventures band, Gonzalo,
16 Sparx, Lorenzo Antonio and Darren Cordova; and

17 WHEREAS, mariachi music has New Mexico's historical
18 influence and instills pride in cultural heritage; and

19 WHEREAS, mariachi music is historically known as "*la*
20 *musica de la gente*", or music of the people, the common folk,
21 with musical ballads that describe an array of human
22 emotions, including feelings of nostalgia that bring
23 communities together to celebrate life while connecting to
24 the rich traditions of the past; and

25 WHEREAS, the Hispanic heritage committee has identified

1 the decline in popularity of both New Mexico music and
2 mariachi music in New Mexico;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Hispanic
5 heritage committee be recognized for its collaboration
6 efforts in promoting greater awareness, appreciation and
7 cultural preservation of New Mexico music and mariachi music
8 in New Mexico for future generations; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hispanic heritage
10 committee be encouraged to establish a New Mexico arts and
11 heritage task force to identify steps to promote and sustain
12 New Mexico music, mariachi music and film, dance and other
13 arts related to Hispanic heritage to preserve a rich part of
14 New Mexico's historical traditions and culture for
15 generations to come; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the Hispanic heritage committee. _____

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