

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE POSTMASTER
3 GENERAL TO SUPPORT THE ISSUANCE OF A POSTAGE STAMP
4 COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON
5 FIESTA.

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7 WHEREAS, in 1972, the Albuquerque international balloon
8 fiesta began with participation of thirteen hot air balloons;
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10 WHEREAS, over the years, the Albuquerque international
11 balloon fiesta has grown into the world's largest hot air
12 ballooning event, hosting as many as one thousand balloons;
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14 WHEREAS, for nine days starting the first Saturday of
15 October, pilots, crews and spectators from all over the world
16 attend the Albuquerque international balloon fiesta; and

17 WHEREAS, hundreds of balloons lift off at dawn each
18 morning of the balloon fiesta and tethered balloons glow in
19 the evenings as propane burners inflate the balloons against
20 a dark sky; and

21 WHEREAS, the event has been visited by millions of
22 people since the balloon fiesta's inception and is said to be
23 the world's most photographed event; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2021, the fiftieth Albuquerque international
25 balloon fiesta will be held; and

1 WHEREAS, visitors and aficionados collect memorabilia
2 representing the Albuquerque international balloon fiesta;
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4 WHEREAS, a postage stamp commemorating the fiftieth
5 annual Albuquerque international balloon fiesta would be a
6 treasured remembrance of the event; and

7 WHEREAS, the citizens' stamp advisory committee is
8 charged with reviewing subjects for commemorative stamps and
9 for recommending new subjects for commemorative stamps to the
10 United States postal service postmaster general for
11 determination;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States postal service
14 postmaster general be encouraged to support the issuance of a
15 postage stamp commemorating the fiftieth Albuquerque
16 international balloon fiesta; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the citizens' stamp advisory committee of the
19 United States postal service and the board of directors of the
20 Albuquerque international balloon fiesta. _____

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