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SENATE MEMORIAL 17

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 30, 2020 "NEW MEXICO ARCHITECTS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico architects offer solutions that showcase passion, creativity, experience and professional education in solving some of the state's most complex issues in the built environment; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico architects are specifically trained and licensed to work on the planning and design of buildings; and

WHEREAS, there are seven hundred seven licensed architects in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, these architects improve the lives of individuals and the vibrancy of communities; and

WHEREAS, architects strengthen society by developing

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1 equitable living solutions that embody New Mexico's democratic
2 ideals and that support health, safety and welfare as ethical
3 imperatives; and

4 WHEREAS, architects bring technical knowledge and
5 responsibility to each project, including knowledge of building
6 and safety regulations, local planning regulations and
7 restrictions, construction and historic preservation; and

8 WHEREAS, the architects of New Mexico are vigilant in the
9 stewardship of many of the state's great architectural and
10 historic treasures; and

11 WHEREAS, architects are obligated to protect the health,
12 safety and welfare of a building's occupants, including through
13 sustainable design; and

14 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects recognize that
15 sustainability is a key element of design in the twenty-first
16 century as the state tackles the compounding global challenges
17 of resource availability, water quality and increasing
18 pollution; and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects prioritize and support
20 positive actions to effectively reduce the production of
21 greenhouse gases contributing to climate change; and

22 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects work to design and
23 construct buildings that can combat the greenhouse effect to
24 improve chances of repairing our planet while creating a
25 healthy, resilient and regenerative future; and

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1 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects work globally to help
2 reduce operational and embodied greenhouse gas production by
3 employing passive design techniques, taking energy efficiency
4 measures, adapting existing buildings and specifying low-impact
5 building materials that increase human health and productivity,
6 while withstanding the effects of a changing climate; and

7 WHEREAS, community sustainability goals are fulfilled in
8 part by an architect's ability to create practical solutions to
9 the challenges posed by climate change, population growth and
10 movement and the pursuit of more connected, healthier
11 communities; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects make business and financial
13 cases to help clients better understand, support and integrate
14 renewable energy sources into building plans, making them more
15 sustainable, resilient and economical; and

16 WHEREAS, sustainable design helps to ensure a community's
17 ecological, economic and cultural survival;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that the state recognize that New Mexico
20 architects design better homes, communities and public spaces
21 that benefit the residents of New Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 30, 2020 be declared
23 "New Mexico Architects Day" in the senate; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the American institute of architects of New

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