A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING LORYNN M. GUERRERO AS THE 2022 NEW MEXICO TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, Lorynn M. Guerrero, a high school English language arts teacher at New America school-Las Cruces, was selected by the public education department as the 2022 New Mexico teacher of the year; and

WHEREAS, Lorynn will focus on expanding pathways to graduation to create a more individualized experience for students during her one-year tenure representing the state's teaching profession, which began January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Lorynn was selected for her teaching practices and advocacy that support all students, taking into consideration their personal circumstances to implement learning opportunities and pathways that meet students' holistic needs; and

WHEREAS, Lorynn is in her fifteenth year of teaching and led an effort to open a child care center at New America school-Las Cruces to support teen parents on their path toward receiving a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, Lorynn began her career in 2006 in Hatch, where she taught both middle and high school students; and

WHEREAS, Lorynn taught at Organ Mountain high school in the Las Cruces public school district in 2012 and then moved

to the state-chartered New America school-Las Cruces, where ninety-seven percent of the students are economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, Lorynn received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from New Mexico state university and has a teacher of English as a second language endorsement from eastern New Mexico university and an advanced placement certification in literature and composition from New Mexico highlands university; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching, Lorynn is currently working toward a master's degree in educational administration, which she expects to complete in May 2022; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico teacher of the year represents

New Mexico in the national teacher of the year program; and

WHEREAS, as the 2022 New Mexico teacher of the year,
Lorynn will receive ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) worth of
support and professional development opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to Lorynn M. Guerrero for being selected as the 2022 New Mexico teacher of the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to Lorynn M. Guerrero and the secretary of public education.