

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH A. ARMSTRONG AND RECOGNIZING  
3 HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, Representative Deborah A. Armstrong, a  
6 Democrat, was elected to represent district 17 in Bernalillo  
7 county in 2014, served her first term in 2015 and will have  
8 served eight years and four terms by the end of 2022; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong is a member of the  
10 house judiciary committee and an advisory member of the  
11 courts, corrections and justice committee and the legislative  
12 health and human services committee; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong served as the  
14 secretary of aging and long-term services from 2004 to 2007  
15 and was a public member of the board of acupuncture and  
16 oriental medicine; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong received her bachelor  
18 of science degree from the university of Michigan in 1975 and  
19 her juris doctor degree from the university of New Mexico in  
20 2001 and was a licensed physical therapist; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong is the president of  
22 Albuquerque-based Delta consulting group, incorporated; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong has been a physical  
24 therapist for more than thirty years and has been one of two  
25 physical therapists to serve at the same time in the

1 legislature, making New Mexico the only state with this  
2 distinction; and

3 WHEREAS, as a physical therapist, Representative  
4 Armstrong developed a passion for home- and community-based  
5 services and patient autonomy in decision making, which  
6 prompted her to increasingly focus on her work in health care  
7 and later to attend law school to further her interests in  
8 health policy and advocacy and to eventually accept an  
9 appointment as secretary of aging and long-term services; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong brought to the  
11 legislature unmatched expertise in health care; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong's professional mission  
13 is to provide leadership in the development and effectuation  
14 of public policies that protect patients' rights and promote  
15 affordable access to quality health care for all; and

16 WHEREAS, through Representative Armstrong's work, she  
17 hopes to instill in her three children a passion for  
18 community service; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong's commitment to this  
20 mission led her to become the executive director of the New  
21 Mexico medical insurance pool, a safety net program that  
22 provides health insurance for people with serious medical  
23 conditions; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong not only had  
25 professional and educational expertise in developing a health

1 care safety net but also had lived experience, with her now-  
2 adult daughter being diagnosed with childhood-onset  
3 metastatic thyroid cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong's proudest personal  
5 accomplishment is leading with excellence in all of the  
6 aforementioned venues; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong is a good friend, a  
8 dedicated family woman and an exemplar of strength while  
9 facing personal challenges and is extremely calm and strong  
10 under pressure; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong's experiences at the  
12 council of state governments western legislative academy and  
13 as a Toll fellowship program recipient contributed to her  
14 reputation as a respected and effective leader; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong has navigated personal  
16 trials and tribulations, yet never lost sight in delivering  
17 transformational change to the people of New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Armstrong's proudest  
19 accomplishments in the legislature include her work on the  
20 Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act and the Elizabeth  
21 Whitefield End-of-Life Options Act, and she is also known for  
22 her leadership in repealing an outdated abortion ban law;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that  
25 Representative Deborah A. Armstrong be recognized for her

1 commitment to health care advocacy and compassion; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

3 transmitted to Representative Deborah A. Armstrong. \_\_\_\_\_

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