

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING REPRESENTATIVE DAYMON ELY AND RECOGNIZING HIS
3 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, Representative Daymon Ely, a Democrat,
6 represents district 23, which covers Bernalillo and Sandoval
7 counties; and

8 WHEREAS, this is Representative Ely's third term in
9 office, having been first elected in 2017; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Ely is a member of the house
11 judiciary committee, house rules and order of business
12 committee and house government, elections and Indian affairs
13 committee; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Ely is the co-chair of the
15 interim legislative ethics committee and a member of the New
16 Mexico legislative council; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Ely also served as the house
18 parliamentarian from 2017 to 2021; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Ely is a former Sandoval county
20 commissioner, serving from 2000 to 2004; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Ely was born in Philadelphia,
22 Pennsylvania, on October 11, 1957 but soon after moved to
23 Phoenix, Arizona, where he grew up; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Ely was raised by his parents,
25 Herb, a former chairman of the Arizona Democratic party and a

1 practicing civil rights attorney, and E-Layn, a homemaker who
2 dedicated her life to provide for the family; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Ely's progressive roots stem
4 from his parents who taught him at an early age that every
5 person has a voice and that no one person deserves more than
6 another; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Ely received his bachelor of
8 arts degree in history from Arizona state university in 1979,
9 where he graduated with honors, followed by his juris
10 doctorate from the same institution in 1982; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Ely chose to follow his father's
12 footsteps in practicing law because he saw how important the
13 law can be in the lives of those who most need help; and

14 WHEREAS, having been a lawyer for thirty-four years and
15 still practicing today, Representative Ely has focused his
16 career on holding negligent attorneys accountable for their
17 actions; and

18 WHEREAS, as a trial attorney, Representative Ely has
19 worked on cases to ensure justice for those who need a voice;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Ely's parliamentary wit is
22 evident from his adoption of the phrase "often wrong, never
23 in doubt", and he loves being in the midst of legislative
24 action; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Ely can always be relied on to

1 bring laughter to challenging situations and joy to otherwise
2 dark moments; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Ely enjoys unraveling complex
4 problems and in doing so, learning from those around him; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Ely believes deeply in
6 developing policy to improve the lives of New Mexicans and,
7 because of that belief, always stands resolutely on his
8 principles; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Ely is proud to leave
10 legislating in the hands of trusted colleagues and looks
11 forward to focusing on his highest priority, being a husband
12 and father; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Ely's fondest memories of his
14 legislative career are working with his legislative
15 colleagues;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that
18 Representative Daymon Ely be recognized for his outstanding
19 public service to the residents of New Mexico and his strong
20 advocacy for the law; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to Representative Daymon Ely. _____

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