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HOUSE MEMORIAL 57

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE KAREN C. BASH AND RECOGNIZING HER
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Representative Karen C. Bash, a Democrat, was
elected to the house of representatives in 2018 to represent
district 68 in Bernalillo county, served her first term in 2019
and will have served four years by the end of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bash is the vice chair of the
house health and human services committee and is a member of
the house labor, veterans' and military affairs committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bash is a member of the courts,
corrections and justice committee and is an advisory member of
the legislative health and human services committee during the
interim; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bash graduated with a bachelor of

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1 arts degree in sociology and anthropology from Phillips
2 university, which she attended from 1964 to 1970; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Bash earned a master's degree in
4 education and teaching of individuals in secondary special
5 education programs at Lamar university in Beaumont, Texas,
6 which she attended from 1979 to 1981; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Bash learned her lifelong values
8 and faith from her parents and was called to the ministry,
9 earning a master of divinity degree from the university of
10 Dubuque theological seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, which she
11 attended from 1985 to 1988; and

12 WHEREAS, after graduating, Representative Bash was called
13 to be a pastor of several Iowa congregations; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Bash taught in an early childhood
15 home visitation program focused on infants at risk for
16 developmental delays and those infants' parents; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Bash and her husband, Allan, moved
18 to Albuquerque in 2011 and ran a small business; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Bash served as a moderator of the
20 congregational council from 2014 to 2015; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Bash served the greater
22 Albuquerque community as a member of the rotary club of
23 Albuquerque Sandia, and she is a Paul Harris fellow; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Bash has volunteered at the
25 roadrunner food bank, the Rio Grande food project and several

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1 homeless projects and assisted living homes; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Bash also received an honored
3 ministry award from her congregation in Shenandoah, Iowa; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Bash and her husband have raised
5 two children, Keenan and Kerrie; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Bash credits her family and
7 diverse career path for guiding her policy priorities in the
8 legislature, which include child well-being, early childhood
9 education, food insecurity and the expansion of access to
10 health care and health education;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Representative
13 Karen C. Bash be recognized for living her faith and her
14 advocacy for the well-being of children; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
16 transmitted to Representative Karen C. Bash.