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HOUSE MEMORIAL 41

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2024 "GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the Georgia O'Keeffe museum is dedicated to perpetuating the artistic legacy of Georgia O'Keeffe and to the study of interpretation of American modernism; and

WHEREAS, through its collections, exhibitions, publications, research center and educational programs, the museum contributes to scholarly discourse and serves diverse audiences; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia O'Keeffe museum is the only museum in the United States dedicated to a single female artist with international status and whose work is closely associated with New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia O'Keeffe museum is the only museum in
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1 New Mexico to be invited to join the one-hundred-six-year-old
2 association of art museum directors; and

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia O'Keeffe museum is the most visited
4 art museum in New Mexico and the most visited tourist
5 attraction in Santa Fe, drawing more than one hundred eighty-
6 five thousand visitors annually; and

7 WHEREAS, the museum held a kickoff event in October 2023
8 to celebrate the launch of its seventy-five-million-dollar
9 (\$75,000,000) expansion; and

10 WHEREAS, local architect Devendra Contractor is designing
11 the new building, and nearly an acre of green space is set to
12 replace the museum's education annex in downtown Santa Fe; and

13 WHEREAS, to date, donors from all over the world have
14 raised eighty percent of the total cost, which is over sixty
15 million dollars (\$60,000,000); and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia O'Keeffe museum collection includes
17 one hundred forty oil paintings, one hundred twenty watercolors
18 and thousands of photographs relating to O'Keeffe's life; and

19 WHEREAS, the project will triple the museum's gallery
20 space to allow for the museum to profoundly tell the story of
21 Georgia O'Keeffe's art, life and legacy;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,
24 2024 be declared "Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Day" in the house of
25 representatives; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
2 transmitted to the board of directors of the Georgia O'Keeffe
3 museum.

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