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HOUSE MEMORIAL 3

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

J. PAUL TAYLOR

A MEMORIAL

COMMENDING THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION FOR EIGHTY YEARS OF DEDICATION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF ALL NEW MEXICANS.

WHEREAS, May 1, 1997 marks the eightieth anniversary of the establishment of the New Mexico public health association on May 1, 1917; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico public health association was established for the purpose of the "dissemination of knowledge concerning the causes and methods of prevention of communicable diseases, including tuberculosis, and the prosecutions of an educational campaign, especially among the youth of the state, in furtherance of public health"; and

WHEREAS, the original program of work adopted in 1917 was focused on the establishment of a "good working public health

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1 department as a branch of the state's government in Santa Fe"
2 through activities that included: "the securing for New Mexico
3 of an adequately financed and efficiently managed state
4 department of health" by educating the legislature and the
5 public about the importance of public health programs; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico was the last state in the union to have
7 a department of health; and

8 WHEREAS, these goals of the New Mexico public health
9 association were accomplished within two years with the
10 establishment of a department of health in 1919; and

11 WHEREAS, population-based public health programs in New
12 Mexico have a distinguished record in reducing infectious and
13 communicable diseases, dramatically lowering infant mortality,
14 rapidly responding to newly emerging health problems, data
15 collection and vital statistics and tremendously increasing
16 access to health services; and

17 WHEREAS, the New Mexico public health association has
18 maintained its advocacy of protection, promotion and prevention
19 activities for all citizens of New Mexico for these eighty
20 years; and

21 WHEREAS, the essential nature of public health and
22 population-based public health programs remains critically
23 important to the citizens of New Mexico today and on into the
24 future;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it commemorate
2 and commend the New Mexico public health association for eighty
3 years of service to the citizens of New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this commendation be presented
5 to the New Mexico public health association in recognition of
6 its eightieth anniversary, May 1, 1997.

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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March 11, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Mi era, Chair man

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Macko, Marquardt

Absent: None

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