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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 51

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING THE YEAR 1998 AS THE YEAR OF THE CUARTOCENTENARIO.

WHEREAS, the first Hispanic settlement in New Mexico was established in 1598 under Spain and by permission of King Felipe II; and

WHEREAS, the first Hispanic settlement took place at San Juan de los Caballeros at San Juan Pueblo under Governor and Captain General don Juan de Onate; and

WHEREAS, many New Mexicans today trace their ancestry from that Spanish colony; and

WHEREAS, at least as late as 1607, a party led by Captain Juan Martinez de Montoya founded la Villa de Santa Fe, which became the permanent capital of New Mexico in 1610; and

WHEREAS, for four hundred years the people of New Mexico have survived together, Hispanics and pueblo Indians living

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side by side in what is the oldest coexistence in the United States: and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has become a unique part of the United States for the last one hundred fifty years and the same historical attitude of accommodation has prevailed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it declare the year 1998 as the year of the cuartocentenario and authorize the office of cultural affairs to coordinate and lead in statewide commemorative activities.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION, 1998 February 16, 1998 Mr. President: Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 51 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS. Respectfully submitted, Gloria Howes, Chairman

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