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SENATE MEMORIAL 62

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALBUQUERQUE HISPANO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce was founded in 1975 by fourteen citizens who saw a need to assist the Hispanic-owned and small business community; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce is one of the largest Hispanic chambers in the United States and is celebrating its fortieth year in operation; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce is a first-choice resource that supports business members and the community by enhancing economic opportunities and by providing education, training programs and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce is "to promote economic development, to enhance

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1 economic development opportunities and to provide business and  
2 work force education with an emphasis on the Hispanic and small  
3 business community in Albuquerque, New Mexico"; and

4 WHEREAS, the eighteen-thousand-square-foot campus of the  
5 Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce is a community hub that  
6 houses many resources, including the Barelas economic  
7 opportunity center, which offers job training and computer  
8 laboratory access to its members and the community, including  
9 low-income families; and

10 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce has  
11 presented scholarships to students for the past twenty-eight  
12 years totaling one million seven hundred thousand dollars  
13 (\$1,700,000); and

14 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce  
15 focuses on small business advocacy, education, work force  
16 development, economic development and tourism; and

17 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce was  
18 recently recognized as the number one Hispanic chamber in the  
19 United States by the United States Hispanic chamber of  
20 commerce;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
22 OF NEW MEXICO that the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce  
23 be recognized for the many contributions it has made to  
24 Hispanic-owned and small business communities and to the  
25 community at large for the past forty years; and

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