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HOUSE MEMORIAL 115
53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018
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A MEMORIAL
HONORING REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS J. ROCH AND HIS OUTSTANDING
SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, after serving five terms, Representative Dennis J. Roch is retiring from the New Mexico legislature at the end of the 2018 session; and

WHEREAS, Representative Roch, a Republican, represents district 67, covering Colfax, Curry, Harding, Quay, Roosevelt, San Miguel and Union counties; and

WHEREAS, Representative Roch is the superintendent of the Logan municipal school district and is a leading voice on education issues; and

WHEREAS, Representative Roch was the vice chair of the education committee from 2015 to 2016 and a committee member from 2009 to 2014 and from 2017 to 2018; and

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1 WHEREAS, Representative Roch also was a member of the
2 appropriations and finance committee from 2015 to 2016; a labor
3 and human resources committee member from 2009 to 2010; a
4 taxation and revenue committee member from 2011 to 2014; and a
5 state government, Indian and veterans affairs committee member
6 from 2017 to 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Roch was the chair of the interim
8 legislative education study committee from 2015 to 2016 and a
9 committee member from 2009 to 2018; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Roch also served on the interim
11 economic and rural development committee, the military and
12 veterans' affairs committee and other committees; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Roch made his mark on other issues
14 and was the sponsor of a 2015 right-to-work bill that passed
15 the house of representatives but died in the senate; and

16 WHEREAS, health issues were also at the forefront of
17 Representative Roch's advocacy, with his support of expanding
18 the services of dental therapists to address New Mexico's oral
19 health care crisis; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Roch has a well-deserved
21 reputation for being among the most knowledgeable about the
22 house rules and *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* and has
23 frequently been asked to preside over the house because of his
24 mastery of the process; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Roch is a Clovis native and

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1 received a bachelor of arts degree in English from eastern New
2 Mexico university in 1994 and a master of arts degree in
3 English from George Mason university in 1997; and

4 WHEREAS, prior to becoming the superintendent of the Logan
5 municipal school district, Representative Roch was a teacher
6 and coach in the Texico municipal school district and the
7 assistant superintendent of the Tucumcari public school
8 district; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Roch was a staff assistant to
10 United States Senator Pete Domenici from 1995 to 1997 and a
11 field representative for United States Representative Bill
12 Redmond from 1997 to 1998; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Roch is married to Rochelle Hodge,
14 and the couple reside in Logan with their four children; and

15 WHEREAS, while Representative Roch recognizes the time
16 commitment for serving as a state legislator, he has noted the
17 sacrifices made by the families of legislators as well;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Representative
20 Dennis J. Roch be recognized and honored for his dedication to
21 the representation and well-being of the people of New Mexico;
22 and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to Representative Dennis J. Roch.

