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HOUSE MEMORIAL 116
53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018
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A MEMORIAL
HONORING REPRESENTATIVE JAMES E. SMITH AND RECOGNIZING HIS
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Representative James E. Smith, a Republican, will
be retiring after serving four terms in the house of
representatives; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, Representative Smith has represented
district 22, covering Bernalillo, Sandoval and Santa Fe
counties; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smith is a member of the
appropriations and finance committee and the education
committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smith chaired the government,
elections and Indian affairs committee from 2015 to 2016 and is
a former member of the regulatory and public affairs committee

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1 as well as the voters and elections committee; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Smith graduated with a bachelor of
3 science degree in wildlife management from Northwestern state
4 university in 1977 and a bachelor of arts degree in secondary
5 science education from the college of Santa Fe in 1996; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Smith is a former teacher who
7 taught high school science and technology and who owns a
8 computer consulting business; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Smith has been a tireless advocate
10 for New Mexico's students and has worked on numerous efforts to
11 support student achievement, increase parental involvement in
12 education and increase funding for evidence-based early
13 childhood education programs; and

14 WHEREAS, one of Representative Smith's top priorities
15 throughout his legislative career has been to develop a
16 statewide broadband network to improve access for residents and
17 businesses and to develop a workforce that attracts business to
18 the state; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Smith has been a steadfast
20 proponent of government transparency and accountability and has
21 sponsored legislation to improve lobbyist reporting and
22 increase voter access; and

23 WHEREAS, in June 2017, Representative Smith was honored by
24 New Mexico first with the spirit of bipartisanship award for
25 being a leader who put good policy above partisan politics;

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Representative
3 James E. Smith be recognized for his dedication to the
4 representation and well-being of the people of New Mexico; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
6 transmitted to Representative James E. Smith.

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