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| 10 | A MEMORIAL  |
| 11 | REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY AS      |
| 12 | "BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH".                              |
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| 14 | WHEREAS, fourteen million Americans suffer speech,              |
| 15 | language and hearing impairments that can limit academic        |
| 16 | achievement, career advancement and social adjustment for those |
| 17 | who do not receive effective treatment; and                     |
| 18 | WHEREAS, these communication disorders can be present at        |
| 19 | birth or can be caused through accidental injury or illness at  |
| 20 | any age; and  |
| 21 | WHEREAS, one in ten New Mexico families is affected by          |
| 22 | communication disorders; and                                    |
| 23 | WHEREAS, those affected deserve access to quality               |
| 24 | treatment and every opportunity to lead full and productive     |
| 25 | lives; and  |
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1 WHEREAS, with the help of dedicated and skilled 2 professionals, most people with speech and language problems can find treatment, learn strategies to help them cope, live 3 more independently and achieve their potential; and 4 WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists and audiologists 5 treat all types of speech, language and related disorders and 6 7 work in a wide variety of health and education settings to help improve the quality of treatment and the opportunity to lead 8 full and productive lives; 9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be 11 12 requested to designate the month of May as "Better Hearing and Speech Month" in New Mexico; and 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be 14 transmitted to the governor and to the New Mexico speech-15 16 language and hearing association. - 2 -17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 .202441.1

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