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A MEMORIAL

HONORING FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM E. WARREN'S
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, William E. Warren was a state representative
from house district 11 in Bernalillo county from 1971 to
1978, which became district 21 in the near northeast heights
of Albuquerque after the 1972 reapportionment; and

WHEREAS, Representative Warren served in the United
States air force and had a career with Sandia national
laboratories as an applied mathematician; and

WHEREAS, throughout his legislative career,
Representative Warren was an advocate for equal educational
opportunities between rich and poor school districts and for
equality between men and women; and

WHEREAS, Representative Warren's accomplishments in
school funding included recognizing the fundamental
inequality of school districts funded with local revenue
sources, which produced wide disparities on a per-pupil basis
between rich and poor school districts and exacerbated an
uneven allocation of funding to support the special needs of
students; and

WHEREAS, Representative Warren was instrumental in
developing and ensuring the passage of the equalized school
funding formula in House Bill 85 of the 1974 legislative

1 session, which was subsequently recognized nationally as
2 second only to Hawaii for funding students equitably and is
3 still a fundamental basis of school funding in New Mexico;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Warren recognized the basic
6 inequality of New Mexico's treatment of women in community
7 property laws at the time, which denied them full agency in
8 financial matters such as loans, titles and inheritance, as
9 well as being assigned inferior roles in many other aspects
10 of New Mexico life; and

11 WHEREAS, in the 1972 legislative session, Representative
12 Warren was a primary sponsor of the equal rights amendment to
13 the constitution of New Mexico by introducing House Joint
14 Resolution 2. He was instrumental in promoting and defending
15 the equal rights amendment to the constitution of New Mexico
16 as it made its way through the 1972 legislative process and
17 was rewarded when the residents of the state voted to approve
18 the amendment by a large margin; and

19 WHEREAS, on the first day of the 1973 legislative
20 session, Representative Warren introduced House Joint
21 Resolution 2 to provide for New Mexico's ratification of the
22 equal rights amendment to the United States constitution,
23 which was passed overwhelmingly by the house of
24 representatives and the senate, enabling New Mexico to be the
25 twenty-seventh state to ratify the federal equal rights

1 amendment; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Warren introduced House Bill 22
3 in the 1974 legislative session to establish and fund the
4 commission on the status of women and worked diligently
5 against entrenched opposition to get the bill passed;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that former state
8 Representative William E. Warren be honored for his
9 dedication to equality in the funding of New Mexico's schools
10 and in his many accomplishments in furthering equality for
11 men and women; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
13 transmitted to former state Representative William E. Warren. = HM 70
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