HOUSE MEMORIAL 88

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF RALPH KINER, A HALL OF FAME
BASEBALL PLAYER AND A NEW MEXICO ORIGINAL.

WHEREAS, major league baseball hall of fame player Ralph
Kiner was born in Santa Rita, New Mexico, and served honorably
as a United States navy pilot during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rita is a ghost town in Grant county and is
the site of the El Chino copper mine; and

WHEREAS, Kiner played outfield for the Pittsburgh Pirates,
Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians from 1946 through 1955; and

WHEREAS, after injuries forced his retirement from active
play after ten seasons, Ralph Kiner served as an announcer for
the Chicago White Sox and the New York Mets, announcing for the
Mets from the team's inception until his death on February 6,
2014; and

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1   WHEREAS, Kiner was a powerful slugger, led all of major

2   league baseball in home runs six consecutive years from 1947 to

3   1952 and retired with three hundred sixty-nine career home

4   runs; and

5   WHEREAS, Ralph spent eight decades as a baseball player,

6   executive and broadcaster; and

7   WHEREAS, Kiner was inducted into the baseball hall of fame

8   in 1975, the only player to be voted in that year; and

9   WHEREAS, Ralph Kiner attended every hall of fame ceremony

10   from the time he was inducted until his death, and his legacy

11   will live forever in Cooperstown;

12   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

13   REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Ralph Kiner

14   from Santa Rita, New Mexico, be recognized as a great New

15   Mexican and for his contributions to baseball and this country;

16   and

17   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

18   transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs, the governor

19   and the offices of major league baseball.

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