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SENATE MEMORIAL 13

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE POSTMASTER GENERAL
TO SUPPORT THE ISSUANCE OF A POSTAGE STAMP COMMEMORATING THE
FIFTIETH ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA.

WHEREAS, in 1972, the Albuquerque international balloon
fiesta began with participation of thirteen hot air balloons;
and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Albuquerque international
balloon fiesta has grown into the world's largest hot air
ballooning event, hosting as many as one thousand balloons; and

WHEREAS, for nine days starting the first Saturday of
October, pilots, crews and spectators from all over the world
attend the Albuquerque international balloon fiesta; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of balloons lift off at dawn each
morning of the balloon fiesta and tethered balloons glow in the

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1 evenings as propane burners inflate the balloons against a dark
2 sky; and

3 WHEREAS, the event has been visited by millions of people
4 since the balloon fiesta's inception and is said to be the
5 world's most photographed event; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2021, the fiftieth Albuquerque international
7 balloon fiesta will be held; and

8 WHEREAS, visitors and aficionados collect memorabilia
9 representing the Albuquerque international balloon fiesta; and

10 WHEREAS, a postage stamp commemorating the fiftieth annual
11 Albuquerque international balloon fiesta would be a treasured
12 remembrance of the event; and

13 WHEREAS, the citizens' stamp advisory committee is charged
14 with reviewing subjects for commemorative stamps and for
15 recommending new subjects for commemorative stamps to the
16 United States postal service postmaster general for
17 determination;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that the United States postal service postmaster
20 general be encouraged to support the issuance of a postage
21 stamp commemorating the fiftieth Albuquerque international
22 balloon fiesta; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the citizens' stamp advisory committee of the
25 United States postal service and the board of directors of the

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