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SENATE MEMORIAL 92

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

INTRODUCED BY

Jacob R. Candelaria

A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BONNIE STEPLETON.

WHEREAS, Bonnie Stepleton has been chosen by the women's law caucus of the university of New Mexico school of law as a 2016 Justice Mary Walters honoree; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stepleton is being honored as an outstanding woman in the New Mexico legal community to honor the name of former Justice Mary Walters, who was the first woman appointed to the New Mexico supreme court; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stepleton will be recognized at an awards dinner on February 24, 2016 in Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stepleton has been an attorney in New Mexico for nearly thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stepleton has been in private practice, has represented and advocated for disabled persons and has served

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1 as the dean of students at the university of New Mexico school  
2 of law for ten years; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Stepleton is the mediation bureau chief for  
4 the workers' compensation administration; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Stepleton regularly makes presentations on  
6 the topic of alternative dispute resolution and is passionate  
7 about mediation as a tool in litigation; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Stepleton is well-regarded in the legal  
9 community; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Stepleton has been a positive influence on  
11 many people, notably law students, many of whom she continues  
12 to support; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Stepleton has a down-to-earth manner and an  
14 uncanny ability to see the big picture, all the while noting  
15 both the forest and the trees;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
17 OF NEW MEXICO that Bonnie Stepleton be recognized for her  
18 outstanding accomplishments in the legal community; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Stepleton be congratulated  
20 for being chosen by the women's law caucus of the university of  
21 New Mexico school of law as a 2016 Justice Mary Walters  
22 honoree; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to Bonnie Stepleton.