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REPRESENTATIVE LUCIANO "LUCKY" VARELA AND
REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTO "BOBBY" J. GONZALES AND
REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD C. SANDOVAL

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



1 A MEMORIAL

2 THANKING REPRESENTATIVE HENRY KIKI SAAVEDRA FOR HIS DEDICATION
3 TO NEW MEXICO THROUGH HIS LONG YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE HOUSE
4 OF REPRESENTATIVES AND WISHING HIM WELL IN HIS FINAL
5 RETIREMENT; DECLARING FEBRUARY 17, 2014 AS "KIKI DAY IN THE
6 HOUSE".

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8 WHEREAS, Representative Henry Kiki Saavedra came to the
9 thirty-third legislature, in 1977, as the representative for
10 house district 10, which at that time included the southern
11 portion of Bernalillo county and a small part of Valencia
12 county; and

13 WHEREAS, his interests were in improving job
14 opportunities and providing adequate social services,
15 including services for the elderly and disabled, to his
16 constituents in his district; and

17 WHEREAS, he has continued to work on these issues, along
18 with improving the criminal justice system by ensuring that
19 the courts, prosecutors and public defenders have adequate
20 resources; and

21 WHEREAS, perhaps most importantly, Kiki has been
22 instrumental in building consensus across the aisle in the
23 crafting of many, many general appropriation acts; and

24 WHEREAS, Kiki has spent almost half his life in the New
25 Mexico house of representatives, serving both his district

1 constituents and the residents of the state; and

2 WHEREAS, Kiki came into the legislature during the time
3 of the legendary Mama Lucy's and he learned how to be a
4 legislator under the expert tutelage of Speaker Walter K.
5 Martinez and knew our Speaker Martinez as a youngster; and

6 WHEREAS, during his long legislative career,
7 Representative Saavedra has served on some iteration of most
8 of the standing committees and many of the interim committees
9 that have been created or sustained over his legislative
10 lifetime, most notably serving on the legislative finance
11 committee since 1983 and on the house appropriations and
12 finance committee since 1989; and

13 WHEREAS, Kiki has served with distinction in the South
14 Valley caucus, and has earned the esteemed title of "Chairman
15 Emeritus" or perhaps more properly, "Presidente Emérito"; and

16 WHEREAS, when he announced that he would not seek
17 reelection in 2014, the *Albuquerque Journal* wrote an editorial
18 in praise of his "almost four decades of bipartisan pragmatism
19 that put the state in front of party ideologies and pork
20 feasts"; and

21 WHEREAS, the editorial went on to praise him as "someone
22 who has brought bottom-line honesty to the complex world of
23 state budgeting" and quoted Speaker of the House W. Ken
24 Martinez as saying that he always points to Representative
25 Saavedra as a model legislator; and

1 WHEREAS, lest this memorial get too serious, it is
2 important to remind the body that Kiki has always been counted
3 on to lighten the mood in this chamber or in committee; and

4 WHEREAS, only four members of this house have been here
5 long enough to remember when, in 1988, the Honorable Henry
6 Kiki Saavedra was honored by a memorial that "declared him to
7 be HOUSE JESTER for now and forever"; and

8 WHEREAS, the then-speaker appointed a committee to
9 solicit funds to purchase proper attire, with bells, for the
10 Honorable House Jester, but one wonders if it was ever able to
11 get enough money to buy said attire; and

12 WHEREAS, by the way, what happened to that money?; and

13 WHEREAS, if said attire was purchased, why hasn't the
14 Honorable House Jester worn it at least once each session
15 since then, if only to remind new members of his elevated
16 status in the house of representatives. (And is house jester
17 part of the house leadership? Is that position higher or
18 lower than caucus chair or parliamentarian?); and

19 WHEREAS, House Memorial 92 of the thirty-eighth
20 legislature, second session, began by noting that Kiki was one
21 of the handsomest members of that illustrious body, and, it
22 should be noted, that still holds true today in this
23 illustrious body;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it acknowledge

1 and honor Representative Henry Kiki Saavedra for his
2 dedication to New Mexico through his long years of service in
3 the house of representatives by declaring February 17, 2014 as
4 "Kiki Day in the House"; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on this, perhaps Kiki's last
6 retirement, after much-earlier retiring from a career with the
7 Albuquerque parks and recreation department, we foresee many
8 pleasant days during future Decembers, Januarys, Februarys and
9 odd-numbered Marches spent with his family, especially his six
10 grandchildren, to whom he is devoted; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this house request that he
12 come back occasionally to visit and lighten our mood; and

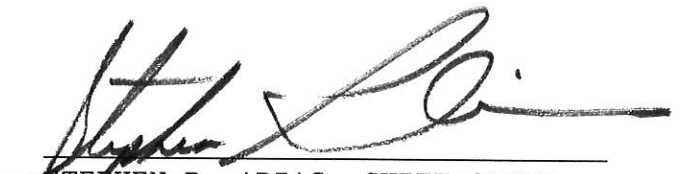
13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the speaker affirm that
14 there are no negative votes on this memorial, because many of
15 us know that Representative Saavedra is opposed to memorials
16 and he might vote against it if there were a roll call; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members stand and give a
18 heartfelt ovation to the man every member of this house has
19 known as long as they've been here – except Representative
20 Nick Salazar, who beat him here by a mere four years; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the Honorable Henry Kiki Saavedra with the
23 gratitude and good wishes of all of the members of the house.
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W. KEN MARTINEZ, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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