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Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH CERVANTES AND REPRESENTATIVE MIMI STEWART AND  
REPRESENTATIVE NATE GENTRY

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



1 A MEMORIAL

2 EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO REPRESENTATIVE AL PARK FOR HIS  
3 DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, Representative Al Park was first elected to the  
6 New Mexico house of representatives in 2000 from his diverse  
7 uptown Albuquerque district 26 at the tender age of thirty,  
8 making him the youngest member of the state legislature; and

9 WHEREAS, early on, in 2003, the "baby-faced" legislator,  
10 as he was dubbed by local media, was recognized by the  
11 national democratic leadership council as the only New Mexican  
12 on its list of "100 New Democrats to Watch: The Next  
13 Generation of Leadership"; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Park's mantra, "equal  
15 opportunity for all, special privileges for none, so all New  
16 Mexicans can succeed", has characterized his decade-long  
17 career in the legislature; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Park has been a vocal supporter  
19 of ethics reform and limitations on campaign contributions and  
20 has maintained that "government is not about \$10,000 in cash  
21 in a brown paper bag"; and

22 WHEREAS, as a proponent of consumer protection,  
23 Representative Park has sponsored "lemon laws" that protect  
24 car-buying consumers and sellers; and

25 WHEREAS, his commitment to health care reform is

1 evidenced by his sponsorship of an organ donation act in 2002  
2 that continues to serve as a national model; and

3 WHEREAS, his 2007 sponsorship of the Dee Johnson Clean  
4 Indoor Air Act continues to protect New Mexicans from the  
5 danger of secondhand smoke in public places; and

6 WHEREAS, he has long advocated increasing the number of  
7 instructional days in the school year and limiting the size of  
8 classes; and

9 WHEREAS, in terms of legislative leadership,  
10 Representative Park has served as house parliamentarian, chair  
11 of the house judiciary committee and vice chair of the house  
12 consumer and public affairs committee; and

13 WHEREAS, he has also served as co-chair of the interim  
14 courts, corrections and justice committee and has been a  
15 member of such other interim committees as the Children's Code  
16 revision committee, the government restructuring task force,  
17 the legislative finance committee, the economic and rural  
18 development and telecommunications committee and the  
19 regulatory process subcommittee; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Park was born in the Panama  
21 Canal Zone to a mother of Venezuelan descent and an Anglo  
22 corporate attorney father; and

23 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Purdue university and the  
24 George Washington University school of law in the District of  
25 Columbia; and

1           WHEREAS, his career as an attorney reflects his  
2 legislative commitment to ethics, education and health care  
3 reform; and

4           WHEREAS, he is married to Bernalillo native Jessica  
5 Pérez, an attorney who was the 2011 president of the state bar  
6 of New Mexico; and

7           WHEREAS, they have a preschool daughter, Ella, and a  
8 brand new baby girl, Emery; and

9           WHEREAS, Representative Park, with the benefit of his  
10 public service and the support of his family and friends, soon  
11 begins a campaign for a seat on the public regulation  
12 commission;

13           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the gratitude  
15 of the New Mexico legislature, the people of district 26 and  
16 the people of New Mexico be expressed to Representative Al  
17 Park for his dedicated service to the people of the state; and

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he be wished the best of  
19 luck in all his future endeavors.  
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BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES