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HOUSE MEMORIAL 63

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

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE SPANISH COLONIAL RESEARCH CENTER FOR PROMOTING  
NEW MEXICO AND THE STATE'S PROUD HISPANIC HERITAGE.

WHEREAS, the Spanish colonial research center, a  
partnership between the university of New Mexico and the  
national park service, has, since 1985, worked to firmly  
establish New Mexico's Hispanic heritage as a part of the  
national history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Spanish colonial research center has worked  
to commemorate the four-hundredth anniversary of the founding  
of Santa Fe, the four-hundredth anniversary of the founding of  
New Mexico and the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding  
of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, the Spanish colonial research center also was  
instrumental in the congressional designation of the Camino

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1 Real De Tierra Adentro national historic trail and the Old  
2 Spanish Trail national historic trail; and

3 WHEREAS, the Spanish colonial research center has  
4 published numerous studies promoting the history and heritage  
5 of New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the Spanish colonial research center co-authored  
7 a textbook in 2013 titled *New Mexico: A History*, which covers  
8 the period from prehistoric times to 2012; and

9 WHEREAS, the Spanish colonial research center has  
10 translated into Spanish many brochures, exhibit labels, video  
11 scripts and important studies that assist visitors to New  
12 Mexico state parks, monuments and museums, the camino real  
13 heritage center, national parks and other entities; and

14 WHEREAS, the Spanish colonial research center has trained  
15 more than three hundred local and international graduate  
16 students at the university of New Mexico to read archaic  
17 Spanish scripts and to do research in Spanish and Mexican  
18 archives; and

19 WHEREAS, the Spanish colonial research center published  
20 the *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*, a scholarly  
21 journal with worldwide distribution, which features the  
22 colonial Hispanic heritage in New Mexico and the Americas;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the staff of  
25 the Spanish colonial research center be recognized for its

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1 outstanding work in promoting New Mexico and the state's proud  
2 Hispanic heritage; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to the Spanish colonial research center.

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