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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS; PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 6, 2020 "LEAGUE OF WOMEN
VOTERS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the league of women voters was founded on
February 14, 1920, six months before the nineteenth amendment
to the United States constitution was ratified; and

WHEREAS, the nineteenth amendment to the United States
constitution established women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the league of women voters grew out of the
suffrage and equal rights movements that started in 1848; and

WHEREAS, the original purpose of the league of women
voters was to educate the twenty-seven million newly
enfranchised women about their civic responsibilities as voters
and to promote their understanding of government; and

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1 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues its mission
2 to promote understanding of major policy issues through its
3 educational efforts; and

4 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to influence
5 public policy through education and advocacy; and

6 WHEREAS, the league of women voters is a nonpartisan
7 political organization that encourages informed and active
8 participation in government to strengthen democracy; and

9 WHEREAS, the league of women voters formulates its
10 positions on political issues after careful research,
11 reflecting consensus on sound policy decision-making
12 principles; and

13 WHEREAS, advocacy efforts have resulted in improvements
14 to education, health care, human rights, natural resource
15 stewardship, election reform, ethics and campaign finance
16 regulation; and

17 WHEREAS, efforts to advance accountability and increase
18 transparency have resulted in legislative action and
19 improvements in state and local governments; and

20 WHEREAS, the league of women voters' motto states that
21 "democracy is not a spectator sport" because civic involvement
22 creates more responsive and responsible government; and

23 WHEREAS, the league of women voters has encouraged
24 millions of voters to carry out their responsibilities by
25 publishing voter guides and conducting forums and debates that

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1 allow candidates for public office to present their views in a
2 nonpartisan environment; and

3 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to study
4 all sides of issues of public concern to build consensus within
5 the league and to inform New Mexicans; and

6 WHEREAS, the league of women voters furthers its members'
7 engagement in nonpartisan political action and shapes public
8 policy in agreement with its adopted positions; and

9 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to advocate
10 for responsible and responsive government for the general
11 welfare of the residents of New Mexico and the United States;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the league of
14 women voters be congratulated on its one hundredth anniversary
15 and that February 6, 2020 be proclaimed "League of Women Voters
16 Day" in the house of representatives; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to Hannah Burling, president of the league of women
19 voters of New Mexico.