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Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE RODOLPHO S. MARTINEZ AND  
REPRESENTATIVE ANTONIO "MOE" MAESTAS AND REPRESENTATIVE DONA G. IRWIN

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



1 A MEMORIAL

2 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF RALPH KINER, A HALL OF FAME  
3 BASEBALL PLAYER AND A NEW MEXICO ORIGINAL.  
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5 WHEREAS, major league baseball hall of fame player Ralph  
6 Kiner was born in Santa Rita, New Mexico, and served honorably  
7 as a United States navy pilot during World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, Santa Rita is a ghost town in Grant county and  
9 is the site of the El Chino copper mine; and

10 WHEREAS, Kiner played outfield for the Pittsburgh  
11 Pirates, Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians from 1946 through  
12 1955; and

13 WHEREAS, after injuries forced his retirement from  
14 active play after ten seasons, Ralph Kiner served as an  
15 announcer for the Chicago White Sox and the New York Mets,  
16 announcing for the Mets from the team's inception until his  
17 death on February 6, 2014; and

18 WHEREAS, Kiner was a powerful slugger, led all of major  
19 league baseball in home runs six consecutive years from 1947  
20 to 1952 and retired with three hundred sixty-nine career home  
21 runs; and

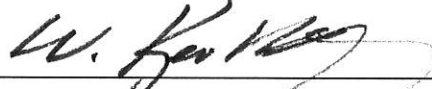
22 WHEREAS, Ralph spent eight decades as a baseball player,  
23 executive and broadcaster; and

24 WHEREAS, Kiner was inducted into the baseball hall of  
25 fame in 1975, the only player to be voted in that year; and

1           WHEREAS, Ralph Kiner attended every hall of fame  
2 ceremony from the time he was inducted until his death, and  
3 his legacy will live forever in Cooperstown;


4           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Ralph Kiner  
6 from Santa Rita, New Mexico, be recognized as a great New  
7 Mexican and for his contributions to baseball and this  
8 country; and

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs, the governor  
11 and the offices of major league baseball.



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W. KEN MARTINEZ, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES