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**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO STUDY
THE HERB PURSLANE, ALSO KNOWN AS VERDOLAGAS, FOR POTENTIAL
DESIGNATION AS THE STATE HERB.**

**WHEREAS, many New Mexicans served their country with
honor and distinction in World War II; and**

**WHEREAS, many of them suffered and died during their
forced participation in the infamous Bataan Death March in the
Philippine campaign and in prisoner of war camps; and**

**WHEREAS, many New Mexicans who survived the Bataan Death
March sustained themselves by eating the plant purslane, also
known as verdolagas, which was found growing wild along the
way; and**

**WHEREAS, Paul Trujillo was one such New Mexican who
survived the Bataan Death March by consuming purslane; and**

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