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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 20**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THAT FORT BAYARD BE DESIGNATED A STATE MONUMENT.**

**WHEREAS, Fort Bayard began in 1866 as an encampment of Company B of the 125th United States colored infantry; and**

**WHEREAS, many buffalo soldiers were stationed at Fort Bayard throughout the late 1800s; and**

**WHEREAS, Fort Bayard was named in honor of General George D. Bayard, who had served as a lieutenant in the New Mexico and Arizona territories and died at the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 1862; and**

**WHEREAS, Corporal Clinton Greaves, a man born into slavery, became the first buffalo soldier stationed at Fort Bayard to receive the congressional medal of honor; and**

**WHEREAS, Fort Bayard served as a United States army general hospital for the treatment and research of**

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1 tuberculosis, caring for one thousand seven hundred patients  
2 during World War I; and

3 WHEREAS, Fort Bayard was under the jurisdiction of the  
4 veterans' administration from 1922 to 1966, when it was turned  
5 over to the state as a public nursing home; and

6 WHEREAS, Fort Bayard's post cemetery was designated as a  
7 national cemetery in 1976, and Fort Bayard's buffalo soldier  
8 memorial was dedicated in 1992;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Fort Bayard be  
11 designated a state monument as a recognition of its importance  
12 in the history of the state; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the cultural properties review committee and  
15 the board of regents of the museum of New Mexico for  
16 consideration of Fort Bayard as a state monument.