

A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THAT FORT BAYARD BE CONSIDERED FOR DESIGNATION AS
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
tuberculosis, caring for one thousand seven hundred patients
during World War I; and**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Fort Bayard be considered for designation as a state monument as a recognition of its importance in the history of the state; and

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