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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 2
45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2001

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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE STATE ARMORY BOARD TO NAME THE ARMORY IN
SPRINGER THE J. LESLIE DAVIS ARMORY.

WHEREAS, J. Leslie Davis, who oversaw the CS ranch for
four decades, died recently after a long illness stemming
partly from World War II battle injuries; and

WHEREAS, Les was an institution in northeastern New
Mexico, said novelist Max Evans, author of books set in
northeastern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, he was the son of Warren Davis, a professor of
surgery at Jefferson medical school in Philadelphia, and the
grandson of Charles Springer, who was the president and
general counsel for the Maxwell land grant; and

WHEREAS, he was born October 24, 1919 and came west after
graduating from Dartmouth college in the spring of 1941 to

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1 visit the family-owned ranch; and

2 WHEREAS, he did not intend to stay, but, having fallen in
3 love with the ranch, spent six months working on the CS before
4 going off to war; and

5 WHEREAS, he crossed Europe with the 4th armored division,
6 having had a tank or two shot out from under him, and in the
7 process receiving a bronze star, three purple hearts and a
8 presidential unit citation; and

9 WHEREAS, he returned to the ranch after the war to assume
10 management responsibilities upon the death of his uncle Ed
11 Springer; and

12 WHEREAS, he became general manager in 1946, expanding the
13 ranch and building it up in numerous ways during his tenure
14 and becoming the president of CS Cattle company in 1964; and

15 WHEREAS, he married Linda Mitchell, daughter of Albert K.
16 Mitchell, owner of the Tequesquite ranch in eastern New
17 Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, together, the Davises raised six children,
19 Warren, Julia, Randy, Kirk, Bruce and Kim, all of whom
20 returned to the ranch after college to take up their parents'
21 livelihoods, and they and seven grandchildren remain closely
22 involved in CS interests; and

23 WHEREAS, Les Davis was active in the community, serving
24 on the Cimarron board of education for eighteen years, and was
25 president of the New Mexico cattle grower's association and

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1 vice president of the national cattlemen's association, a
2 member of the board of Sunwest financial services, Sunwest
3 bank of Raton and Sunwest bank of Albuquerque, a trustee of
4 Lovelace medical foundation, a director of La Mesa race track
5 in Raton, a member of the New Mexico racing commission and
6 district chairman of the Boy Scouts of America; and

7 WHEREAS, he was an artist, musician, magician, horseman,
8 opera aficionado, businessman, sportsman, sculptor, patriot
9 and author, but mostly a man of his family; and

10 WHEREAS, "We were a lucky family to have a father like
11 him," his son Kirk Davis said, "Just a joy, it was."; and

12 WHEREAS, he donated several parcels of land to the
13 Springer community, including the land the national guard
14 armory sits on;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state armory board be requested
17 to name the Springer armory in honor of J. Leslie Davis; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the state armory board.