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SENATE MEMORIAL 4

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

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING THE NEW MEXICO MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN THE RESERVE FORCES OF THE ARMY, NAVY, MARINES, AIR FORCE AND COAST GUARD AND IN THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

WHEREAS, providing the necessary personnel and expertise to meet the needs of a nation in crisis is what the military reserves and the national guard are all about; and

WHEREAS, there are 1.3 million reservists and guardsmen in the seven reserve forces that make up nearly half of this nation's armed forces; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has approved the call to federal active duty of up to 50,000 national guardsmen and reservists in connection with last Tuesday's terrorist attacks on America; and

WHEREAS, as of now, after each arm of the service has

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1 reviewed its mission and identified its personnel
2 requirements, it is estimated that about 35,000 reservists and
3 guardsmen, including 10,000 from the Army, 13,000 from the Air
4 Force, 3,000 from the Navy, 7,500 from the Marine Corps and
5 2,000 from the Coast Guard, could be called upon to serve; and

6 WHEREAS, the dedicated men and women serving as
7 reservists and guardsmen are highly trained individuals who
8 stand ready to provide combat support and combat support
9 services, as well as medical, transportation and other
10 necessary services in support of our standing military; and

11 WHEREAS, approximately 5,802 New Mexicans sacrifice their
12 time each month and volunteer to serve in the military
13 reserves and national guard; and

14 WHEREAS, with pride and honor, New Mexico's volunteer
15 service people are already serving their country in locations
16 all over the globe; standing side by side with United States
17 troops in places such as Kosovo and Saudi Arabia; and

18 WHEREAS, we expect that a significant number of New
19 Mexico's reservists and guardsmen will be called upon by their
20 country to move on a moment's notice and to give our active
21 military the resources and support it will need to deploy
22 overseas and to sustain combat troops during this critical
23 time in American history; and

24 WHEREAS, all New Mexicans look proudly upon our citizenry
25 who serve this country in the military reserves and national

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1 guard;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's military reservists and
4 national guardsmen be thanked for their continued commitment
5 and dedication to the security and well-being of their
6 country; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans join in
8 saluting these reservists and national guardsmen, along with
9 their families, as they stand by, willing and ready to serve
10 their country in this time of national crisis; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
12 sent to each of the state's military reserve offices and the
13 offices of the national guard.

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