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SENATE MEMORIAL 11

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK.

WHEREAS, the United States military academy at West
Point, New York, was established by an act of congress on
March 16, 1802 and signed into law by President Thomas
Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, this year, 2002, is the bicentennial of the
establishment of the academy; and

WHEREAS, during its term of existence, the academy has
graduated fifty-eight thousand four hundred seventy-three
cadets; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the mission of the academy, it
developed them as leaders of character for the United States
army and inspired them to careers as commissioned officers and

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1 a lifetime of selfless service to our nation; and

2 WHEREAS, some of those graduates have distinguished
3 themselves as leaders in the armed services, such as Generals
4 Ulysses S. Grant, George A. Custer, Douglas MacArthur, George
5 S. Patton, Omar N. Bradley, Dwight D. Eisenhower and H. Norman
6 Schwarzkopf; and

7 WHEREAS, some have become presidents of the United
8 States, such as Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight D. Eisenhower; and

9 WHEREAS, some have become astronauts, such as Frank
10 Borman and Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin; and

11 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is currently represented
12 by fifty-one cadets, and of those cadets twelve will be
13 graduating with the bicentennial class; and

14 WHEREAS, those cadets are: Jerrod Adams of Farmington,
15 Gregory Barber of Albuquerque, Francis Brink of Las Cruces,
16 Andrew Chavez of Santa Fe, Tyler Donnell of Albuquerque,
17 Justin Hawthorne of Ruidoso, Josef Michaels of Raton, Andrew
18 Pruett of Santa Fe, Nicholas Ryan of Espanola, Thomas Strum of
19 Las Vegas, Christopher Walls of Raton and Sarah Wolberg of
20 Socorro; and

21 WHEREAS, the long gray line of West Point has never
22 failed our country;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
24 OF NEW MEXICO that gratitude and support be expressed to the
25 United States military academy for its two hundred years of

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1 existence and its long line of graduates in service to our
2 country; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we declare our support for
4 the academy; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
6 sent to the superintendent of the United States military
7 academy, Lieutenant General William J. Lennox, Jr., and to the
8 New Mexico cadets who will graduate with the bicentennial
9 class of 2002.