

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 34

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE MARCH 14, 2006 AS THE
DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE MONUMENT SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico state monument system was
established on March 14, 1931 by an act for the preservation of
the scientific resources of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Laws 1931, Chapter 42, Section 2 authorized the
commissioner of the state land office on recommendation of the
science commission with the approval of the commissioner of
public lands to "declare by public proclamation that historic
and prehistoric structures and other objects of scientific
interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled
by the state of New Mexico, shall be state monuments and may
reserve as a part thereof such parcels of land as may be
necessary to the proper care and management of the objects to

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1 be protected"; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1973 the governor of the state of New Mexico
3 was delegated the power of proclamation upon the recommendation
4 of the cultural properties review committee and the board of
5 regents of the museum of New Mexico to "declare by public
6 proclamation that any cultural property situated on lands owned
7 or controlled by the state shall be a state monument and may
8 reserve as a part thereof such parcels of land as may be
9 necessary for the proper care and management of the cultural
10 property to be protected" and that "any such monument shall be
11 administered by the museum division of the office of cultural
12 affairs"; and

13 WHEREAS, in the ensuing years, nineteen monuments have
14 been proclaimed and designated; the first were designated in
15 1935 and included the Pecos, Gran Quivira, Jemez, Coronado and
16 Quarai state monuments; the Lincoln state monument was
17 proclaimed in 1937; Paako and Abo state monuments were
18 proclaimed in 1938; the Glorieta Battlefield state monument and
19 the palace of the governors were designated in 1940; the Folsom
20 and La Mesilla plaza state monuments followed in the 1950s;
21 Fort Sumner state monument was proclaimed in 1968; Fort Selden
22 and Mimbres state monuments and the Dorsey mansion followed in
23 the 1970s; the Taylor Reynolds Barela Mesilla state monument
24 was designated in 2004; and the Bosque Redondo memorial at Fort
25 Sumner and El Camino Real international heritage center were

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1 designated in 2005; and

2 WHEREAS, over the years, five of the monuments were
3 transferred to the national park service and included Pecos,
4 Gran Quivira, Abo, Quarai and Glorieta Battlefield, and the
5 Dorsey mansion was sold to a private party; and

6 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2006 the state monument system will
7 celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that this anniversary be recognized as a
10 milestone reflecting the long-standing commitment of the state
11 of New Mexico to the preservation of its rich heritage; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
13 designate March 14, 2006 as the diamond jubilee of the New
14 Mexico state monuments; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the diamond jubilee be
16 properly observed throughout 2006; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the governor, to the secretary of cultural
19 affairs and to the state monuments division.