

A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING NEW MEXICAN WOMEN VETERANS AND THE WOMEN VETERANS
OF NEW MEXICO ORGANIZATION AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 21, 2013
"WOMEN VETERANS OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a proud tradition of service;
and

WHEREAS, New Mexican women have bravely stood in defense
of this country in every armed conflict since the Civil War;
and

WHEREAS, women make up fourteen percent of the nation's
active duty force, eighteen percent of the national guard and
fifteen percent of reserve forces; and

WHEREAS, twenty percent of new recruits to the armed
forces are women and, of those, eleven percent are also single
parents; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to more than sixteen
thousand female veterans, a population that faces unique
issues; and

WHEREAS, the women veterans of New Mexico organization
advocates for female veterans' issues, rights and benefits;
and

WHEREAS, members of women veterans of New Mexico serve
their sister veterans after they are discharged from active

duty through outreach and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, the women veterans of New Mexico organization works to provide for the immediate needs of women who suffer from posttraumatic stress disorder, military sexual trauma and other mental and physical injuries; and

WHEREAS, the women veterans of New Mexico organization has partnered with the veterans' services department, the United States department of veterans affairs and other organizations that serve female veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to New Mexican women veterans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 21, 2013 be declared "Women Veterans of New Mexico Day" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans take a moment to honor women veterans for their commitment, dedication and brave service to the country.