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HOUSE MEMORIAL 63

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 21, 2013 "CIVIL AIR PATROL DAY" IN THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, "subchasers" played an integral role in the  
defense of the United States, spotting one hundred forty-three  
German submarines, attacking fifty-seven submarines and being  
credited with sinking two submarines; and

WHEREAS, the civil air patrol's nationwide wartime effort,  
including border patrol operations, search and rescue, disaster  
relief, forest fire patrol, emergency transportation of  
personnel and critical cargo and towing practice targets for  
the United States military, resulted in the death of sixty-four  
members and the loss of one hundred fifty aircraft by the end  
of World War II; and

WHEREAS, since that auspicious beginning, a modern-day

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1 civil air patrol has emerged to become one of the nation's  
2 premier humanitarian service organizations, saving lives,  
3 finding those who are lost, helping fellow citizens in times of  
4 disaster, working to keep America safe, preparing future  
5 leaders, offering aerospace education to inspire the nation's  
6 youth and honoring the military; and

7 WHEREAS, the civil air patrol now participates in up to  
8 ninety percent of the United States air force's inland search  
9 and rescue missions and often provides aerial photography and  
10 damage assessment to help local, state and national emergency  
11 officials pinpoint critical infrastructure needs in real time  
12 as well as ground team support for victims; and

13 WHEREAS, the civil air patrol's cadet program currently  
14 includes more than twenty-six thousand four hundred young men  
15 and women who benefit from a curriculum that trains them to be  
16 leaders; offers them opportunities for flight, including pilot  
17 training; and teaches them emergency services techniques,  
18 including lifesaving; and

19 WHEREAS, the New Mexico wing of the civil air patrol, with  
20 a history of proud service also dating back to 1941, now  
21 includes nearly one thousand members in units throughout New  
22 Mexico who serve the state and local communities with valuable  
23 volunteer services; and

24 WHEREAS, the civil air patrol and its New Mexico wing are  
25 celebrating seventy years of performing these "missions for

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1 America";

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 21,  
4 2013 be proclaimed "Civil Air Patrol Day" in the house of  
5 representatives; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the New Mexico wing of the civil air patrol.

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