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SENATE MEMORIAL 47

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

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PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 18, 2013 TO BE "CHAPARRAL DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to 42 USC, Section 1479, colonias are communities within one hundred fifty miles of the United States-Mexico border that lack adequate infrastructure, including a potable water supply, adequate sewage systems and safe housing; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of New Mexicans reside in colonias, nearly all of which are unincorporated communities without the benefit of municipal organization or political structure; and

WHEREAS, Chaparral, an unincorporated census-designated place located in Dona Ana and Otero counties and situated next to White Sands missile range and Fort Bliss, is the largest

