1	SENATE MEMORIAL 47
2	51st LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013
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10	A MEMORIAL
11	PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 18, 2013 TO BE "CHAPARRAL DAY" IN THE
12	SENATE.
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14	WHEREAS, pursuant to 42 USC, Section 1479, colonias are
15	communities within one hundred fifty miles of the United
16	States-Mexico border that lack adequate infrastructure,
17	including a potable water supply, adequate sewage systems and
18	safe housing; and
19	WHEREAS, tens of thousands of New Mexicans reside in
20	colonias, nearly all of which are unincorporated communities
21	without the benefit of municipal organization or political
22	structure; and
23	WHEREAS, Chaparral, an unincorporated census-designated
24	place located in Dona Ana and Otero counties and situated next
25	to White Sands missile range and Fort Bliss, is the largest
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colonia in New Mexico, with a population of fourteen thousand six hundred thirty-one as of the 2010 federal decennial census; and

WHEREAS, approximately eighty-five percent of the residents of Chaparral are Hispanic or Latino, according to the 2010 federal decennial census; and

WHEREAS, because of its large population, inadequate infrastructure and reliance on county governments for political support, Chaparral exemplifies the difficulties faced by New Mexico's colonias; and

WHEREAS, despite the difficulties faced by Chaparral, it continues striving for excellence and celebrates the addition of educational opportunities in the Gadsden independent schools and Dona Ana community college;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Chaparral, New Mexico, be recognized for the difficulties it faces relating to infrastructure, political support and economic development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in an effort to raise awareness about Chaparral and New Mexico's colonias, February 18, 2013 be proclaimed "Chaparral Day" in the senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the boards of county commissioners of Dona Ana and Otero counties and to the colonias infrastructure board.

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