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SENATE MEMORIAL 99

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 17, 2014 AS "MILITARY AND VETERANS' DAY" IN
THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long history of military service
by its residents, a service that dates back hundreds of years
before statehood, when indigenous New Mexicans resisted the
advancement of European settlers in the area; and

WHEREAS, after New Mexico became the forty-seventh state
of the union, New Mexicans soon answered the call to arms when
the nation recruited brave men and women to serve in World War
I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Cold War, the Vietnam
Conflict, the Gulf War, the north Atlantic treaty organization
intervention in the Bosnian War and the global war on terrorism
after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, with four military installations located in New

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1 Mexico, and one hundred seventy-one thousand veterans and
2 military retirees living in the state, military influence
3 continues to remain a strong part of the state today; and

4 WHEREAS, the post-service care of current and former
5 warriors and their families is an urgent and important
6 priority, because the military community has earned this
7 benefit through sacrifice and service to the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, gratitude is extended to the numerous veterans'
9 service organizations in the state for the valuable services
10 they provide in caring for the military community;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
12 OF NEW MEXICO that February 17, 2014 be declared "Military and
13 Veterans' Day" in the senate and that gratitude be extended to
14 New Mexico's current and former military service members and to
15 the veterans' service organizations for working in partnership
16 with the state to serve these current and former heroes; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the department of military affairs and to the
19 veterans' services department.

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