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HOUSE MEMORIAL 36

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2015 "GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RECOGNIZING THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY AND COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO.

WHEREAS, on February 2, 1848, the United States and the Republic of Mexico signed the Treaty of Peace, Friendship, Limits and Settlement, known as the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, at the main altar of the old cathedral of Guadalupe at the Villa Hidalgo to end the war between the two nations; and

WHEREAS, through the treaty, Mexico formally relinquished claims to over two hundred sixty-six thousand square miles of land in Texas and directly ceded more than five hundred

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1 twenty-five thousand square miles of additional land from
2 Mexico to the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, the lands relinquished or ceded by Mexico,
4 totaling over seven hundred ninety thousand square miles, now
5 constitute all or parts of eight states in the American west,
6 including Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico,
7 Texas, Utah and Wyoming; and

8 WHEREAS, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo included
9 provisions for the protection of established property rights,
10 including community land grants, within the transferred areas;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Spanish and Mexican community land grants and
13 Native American pueblo communities throughout New Mexico have
14 relied on the provisions of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo to
15 protect their current remaining common lands and as the basis
16 to pursue a just recovery of their traditional, former common
17 lands; and

18 WHEREAS, on February 2, 1998, community land grant heirs
19 and advocates from around the state came together at the state
20 capitol to celebrate the first-ever Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty
21 Day; and

22 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12-5-10 NMSA 1978, the second
23 of February is set apart each year and known as "Guadalupe
24 Hidalgo Treaty Day" in New Mexico; and

25 WHEREAS, February 2, 2015 marks one hundred sixty-seven

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1 years since the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 2,
4 2015 be recognized as the seventeenth annual commemoration of
5 Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Day; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives
7 extend its esteem to the community land grant heirs for their
8 continued, dedicated work throughout New Mexico; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state and federal legislative
10 support for all Spanish and Mexican community land grants and
11 Native American pueblos should continue far into the future;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the board of trustees of all community land
15 grants registered with the secretary of state's official land
16 grant registry, the governors and tribal councils of all the
17 pueblos of New Mexico and the members of the New Mexico
18 congressional delegation.