

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1, 2016 "TONY REYNA DAY" IN THE SENATE.

3
4 WHEREAS, Tony Reyna was born February 1, 1916 in Taos,
5 New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was raised at the Pueblo of Taos,
7 located in the Sangre de Cristo mountains of northern
8 New Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was educated at the Taos Pueblo day
10 school and the Santa Fe Indian school, and he graduated from
11 Santa Fe high school in 1936; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was a member of the New Mexico army
13 national guard and was mobilized for active military duty in
14 the Philippines during World War II; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna is a Bataan death march survivor and
16 endured three and one-half years of brutal captivity as a
17 prisoner of war until he was liberated by American forces in
18 1945; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was a patient at the Letterman
20 military hospital in San Francisco, California, and the
21 Bruns Army hospital in Santa Fe before his return to settle
22 in Taos; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna opened the Tony Reyna Indian shop in
24 1950 at the Pueblo of Taos, which has remained in continuous
25 operation to this day; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna has become a highly respected member
2 of the Pueblo of Taos governing body, beginning as secretary
3 of the governor's office in 1975, then serving as lieutenant
4 governor in 1977, as the Pueblo of Taos governor twice in
5 1982 and 1992 and as a lifetime member of the Taos Pueblo
6 council; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna served as a police commissioner of
8 the town of Taos, as a member of the Taos municipal school
9 district board of education, as a trustee of the Millicent
10 Rogers museum and as a tribal judge at the Santa Fe Indian
11 market; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was named a Santa Fe living treasure
13 in 1992, in recognition of a lifetime of service to the
14 Pueblo of Taos and its people, his community, his state and
15 his country; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna is a New Mexico honored veteran who
17 served during times of peace and war; is a recognized leader
18 of the Pueblo of Taos; and is a community leader of the
19 highest and most exemplary accomplishments who demonstrates
20 his public spirit and service to others; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna celebrates his one hundredth birthday
22 on February 1, 2016;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 1, 2016 be proclaimed "Tony
25 Reyna Day" in the senate; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to Tony Reyna, the governor of the Pueblo of Taos tribal council, the mayor of the town of Taos, the adjutant general of the department of military affairs and the secretary of Indian affairs department. _____