

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMY RESERVE
3 TRAINING CORPS.

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5 WHEREAS, 2016 marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the
6 army reserve officer training corps program, more commonly
7 known as army ROTC; and

8 WHEREAS, the story of army ROTC started as far back as
9 1819 when Captain Alden Partridge established a program of
10 military instruction known as the American literary,
11 scientific and military academy; and

12 WHEREAS, the official army ROTC program was born as a
13 result of President Woodrow Wilson's signing of the
14 National Defense Act on June 3, 1916, and the program has
15 continually grown and evolved to meet the nation's demand for
16 quality leaders; and

17 WHEREAS, today, the program has grown to two hundred
18 seventy-five programs located at colleges and universities
19 throughout the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Guam
20 and Puerto Rico, with an enrollment of more than thirty
21 thousand participants; and

22 WHEREAS, army ROTC produces more than seventy percent
23 of the second lieutenants who join the active army, the army
24 national guard and the United States army reserve; and

25 WHEREAS, during the past one hundred years, the army

1 ROTC has commissioned more than six hundred thousand
2 officers, yielding such visionary leaders as Sam Walton,
3 founder of Walmart; former Secretary of State Colin Powell;
4 and Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito; and

5 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico army ROTC's
6 mission is to partner with the university of New Mexico to
7 recruit, educate, develop and commission fifteen officers of
8 character for the United States army annually; and

9 WHEREAS, this goal is accomplished by recruiting
10 scholar-athlete-leaders who are trained and educated with the
11 best leader development program in the world; and

12 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's army ROTC
13 program has commissioned one hundred eighty-six officers
14 since 1987; and

15 WHEREAS, army ROTC graduates remain fully prepared to
16 lead the forces to defend America's freedom in an
17 increasingly complex world;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition and congratulations be
20 extended to the army reserve officer training corps program
21 on its one-hundredth anniversary; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the commanding officer of the university of
24 New Mexico army reserve officer training corps. _____