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HOUSE MEMORIAL 93

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 18, 2016 "DANIEL D. FERNANDEZ MEMORIAL DAY"
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, New Mexicans recognize the sacrifices that New Mexico's military men and women gave of themselves during wartime to preserve the freedoms we have today; and

WHEREAS, Daniel D. Fernandez was a native New Mexican from Valencia county who served in the United States army during the early years of the Vietnam conflict; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 1966, in Hau Nghia province, republic of Vietnam, Daniel threw himself on an exploding grenade while shielding four soldiers attending to a wounded officer nearby, thereby saving their lives at the sacrifice of his own; and

WHEREAS, Daniel was honored with the highest honor given a

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1 soldier for valor in wartime, the medal of honor, on April 6,
2 1967 by President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

3 WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens, especially the
4 young students of New Mexico just being introduced to Daniel's
5 story, understand how his life, service and honorable sacrifice
6 contributed to the rich and proud history of Valencia county
7 and the state; and

8 WHEREAS, February 18, 2016 is the fiftieth anniversary of
9 Daniel's death in Vietnam;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 18,
12 2016 be declared "Daniel D. Fernandez Memorial Day" in the
13 house of representatives; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the national honor society at Valencia high
16 school and to Daniel's surviving brother, Peter Fernandez of
17 Los Lunas.

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