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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 22, 2017 "LAS VEGAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND RECOGNIZING LAS VEGAS AS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

WHEREAS, Las Vegas was founded in 1835 as a Spanish land grant called Nuestra Senora de los Dolores de Las Vegas Grandes; and

WHEREAS, the Spanish settlers who founded the community had roots going back to the seventeenth century; and

WHEREAS, the acequia Madre in Las Vegas stands as a testament to one hundred fifty years of resourcefulness and ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas was a key rest stop, resupply point and protector of the Santa Fe trail, serving as a lifeline between the growing west and the eastern parts of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas remains "open for business"; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas can be described as innovative and unvarnished, having grit, courage and resolve, strength of character, fortitude, determination, perseverance and endurance; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas is laying a strong foundation for private-sector growth and the sustainability of small businesses; and

1 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is committed to building a foundation
2 for economic growth; and

3 WHEREAS, Las Vegas' can-do attitude will help Las Vegas
4 move forward, find quality-of-life and economic solutions and
5 expand homegrown companies; and

6 WHEREAS, Las Vegas' authentic assets will remain its
7 cultural foundation and provide the horsepower to drive
8 tourism, new industry and growth; and

9 WHEREAS, Las Vegas offers a multitude of unique
10 shopping, dining, musical and cultural experiences and
11 adventures; and

12 WHEREAS, Las Vegas continues to attract and maintain
13 cool historical characters, including the boxer, Jack
14 Johnson; El Hermitano, who lived at Hermit's peak; and more
15 popular historical characters such as Doc Holliday, Billy the
16 Kid, Wyatt Earp and Jesse James; and

17 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county have more than
18 nine hundred buildings on the national register of historic
19 places; and

20 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are unmatched
21 as an inviting and incredible tourist destination, with fine
22 historic hotels, authentic New Mexico character and easy
23 access to other local historic sites and outdoor recreation;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are beacons in

1 the land of enchantment; and

2 WHEREAS, aside from its historic and tourist
3 attractions, Las Vegas is home to many critical state
4 institutions; and

5 WHEREAS, one such institution is the New Mexico
6 behavioral health institute at Las Vegas, the only state-
7 owned and state-operated psychiatric hospital, which provides
8 critical medical services to the state, including long-term
9 nursing care for the elderly and disabled; and

10 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is home to a wealth of knowledge with
11 five major educational institutions: New Mexico highlands
12 university, Luna community college, united world college, the
13 Las Vegas city public school district and the west Las Vegas
14 public school district; and

15 WHEREAS, these educational institutions are gems of the
16 city and crucibles of learning, teaching and discovery,
17 reaching far beyond northern New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are committed
19 to the cultivation of growing film and technological
20 economies; and

21 WHEREAS, 2017 will be recognized as the year of business
22 in Las Vegas and San Miguel county;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
25 distinguished history and heritage of Las Vegas and San

1 Miguel county be recognized; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that support be expressed for the
3 business and film industry for its efforts to create jobs and
4 to promote the people and attractions of northern New Mexico;
5 and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 22, 2017 be
7 declared "Las Vegas Day" in the house of representatives; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the mayor of Las Vegas, the members of the
10 city council of Las Vegas and the board of county
11 commissioners of San Miguel county.

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