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HOUSE MEMORIAL 35

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1, 2017 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Grant county is the gateway to the Gila wilderness; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its mining, ranching and art communities, blend of Hispanic, Anglo and Native American cultures, blue skies with three hundred sixty days of sunshine, vast mountain landscapes and small-town atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide national scenic trail, rising six thousand to seven thousand five hundred feet above sea level and offering cool summer temperatures and uninterrupted views to the Mexican border to the south; and

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1 WHEREAS, the first designated Continental Divide trail
2 gateway community, dedicated to the promotion and protection of
3 the trail, is located in Grant county; and

4 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history
5 that includes early Native Americans, Chiricahua Apaches and
6 wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and lawman Dan
7 Tucker; and

8 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico
9 university, where its museum houses the world's foremost
10 collections of ancient Mimbres pottery; and

11 WHEREAS, Grant county is New Mexico's richest county for
12 mining; and

13 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of the
14 one hundred twenty-fifth United States colored infantry was
15 established at Fort Bayard; and

16 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored to be the home of many
17 veterans, including members of New Mexico's two hundredth coast
18 artillery regiment, many of whom were subjected to the Bataan
19 death march; and

20 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the tour of the Gila, New
21 Mexico's premier cycling stage race that attracts national and
22 international teams and boosts awareness and use of the trail
23 of the mountain spirits national scenic byway; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2017, Grant county will celebrate Grant county
25 prospectors' forty-second year of "Grant County Day" in Santa

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2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 1,
4 2017 be proclaimed "Grant County Day" in the house of
5 representatives; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the great people and great
7 places of Grant county be recognized; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the members of the board of county commissioners
10 of Grant county.