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SENATE MEMORIAL 8

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

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING TONY REYNA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS  
COMMUNITY, THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was a Bataan death march survivor and

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1 endured three and one-half years of brutal captivity as a  
2 prisoner of war until he was liberated by Allied forces in  
3 1945; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was a patient at the Letterman army  
5 hospital in San Francisco, California, and the Bruns army  
6 hospital in Santa Fe before he returned to settle back at Taos  
7 Pueblo and the Taos community; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna opened the Tony Reyna's Indian shop in  
9 1950 at the Pueblo of Taos, which has remained in continuous  
10 operation to this day; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was a highly respected member of the  
12 Pueblo of Taos governing body, beginning as secretary of the  
13 governor's office in 1975, then serving as lieutenant governor  
14 in 1977, as the Pueblo of Taos governor twice, in 1982 and  
15 1992, and as a lifetime member of the Taos Pueblo council; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna served as a police commissioner of the  
17 town of Taos, as a member of the Taos municipal school district  
18 board of education, as a trustee of the Millicent Rogers museum  
19 and as a tribal judge at the Santa Fe Indian market; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was named a Santa Fe living treasure in  
21 1992, in recognition of a lifetime of service to the Pueblo of  
22 Taos and its people, his community, his state and his country;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was an honored veteran who served  
25 during times of peace and war; was a recognized leader of the

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1 Pueblo of Taos; and was a community leader of the highest and  
2 most exemplary accomplishments who demonstrated his public  
3 spirit and service to others; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna celebrated his one hundredth birthday  
5 on February 1, 2016, and that day was declared by the senate of  
6 the state of New Mexico as "Tony Reyna Day" in the senate; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna passed away on December 4, 2016 at his  
8 home, surrounded by his family;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
10 OF NEW MEXICO that all New Mexicans, and indeed, all Americans,  
11 owe a debt of gratitude for the many years of selfless service  
12 bestowed upon us by Tony Reyna, an exemplary man who fought for  
13 the freedom we have today and who quietly shared his wisdom as  
14 an elder with all people; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the governor of the Pueblo of Taos, the mayor of  
17 the town of Taos, the adjutant general of New Mexico and the  
18 secretary of Indian affairs.