

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 6, 2018 "NEW MEXICO DAUGHTERS OF THE  
3 AMERICAN REVOLUTION SANTA FE TRAIL MARKERS REMEMBRANCE DAY"  
4 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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6 WHEREAS, the daughters of the American revolution is a  
7 nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service  
8 organization founded in 1890 and dedicated to promoting  
9 patriotism, preserving American history and securing  
10 America's future through better education; and

11 WHEREAS, the daughters of the American revolution has  
12 sixteen chapters in New Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe trail association is a nonprofit  
14 organization founded in 1986 and dedicated to protecting and  
15 preserving the Santa Fe trail to promote awareness of the  
16 historical legacy associated with it; and

17 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe trail association is composed of  
18 people of all ages and walks of life who are bound together  
19 by an interest in the Santa Fe trail and an interest in  
20 preserving its many physical traces and landmarks that still  
21 exist in the American west; and

22 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe trail association has three  
23 chapters in New Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1821, the first Santa Fe trail wagon train  
25 left Independence, Missouri, for Santa Fe, New Mexico; and

1           WHEREAS, the Santa Fe trail became America's first great  
2 international commercial highway, and for nearly sixty years  
3 thereafter was one of the nation's great routes of adventure  
4 and western expansion; and

5           WHEREAS, in 1910, the daughters of the American  
6 revolution, jointly with the territory of New Mexico, placed  
7 twenty-one granite markers on the Santa Fe trail in New  
8 Mexico; and

9           WHEREAS, nineteen of these markers have been located,  
10 photographed and documented with global positioning system  
11 coordinates by members of the daughters of the American  
12 revolution and the Santa Fe trail association; and

13           WHEREAS, the United States congress recognized the  
14 significance of the Santa Fe trail to American history  
15 proclaiming it a national historic trail in 1987; and

16           WHEREAS, the Santa Fe trail will be two hundred years  
17 old in 2021; and

18           WHEREAS, in preparation for the two hundredth  
19 anniversary of the Santa Fe trail, restoration of three  
20 markers began in November 2017, with the marker located in  
21 the San Miguel county village of Bernal in the shadow of  
22 Starvation peak; and

23           WHEREAS, the granite Santa Fe trail markers in San Jose  
24 del Vado and Tecolote are also scheduled to be restored in  
25 the near future;

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 6,  
3 2018 be declared "New Mexico Daughters of the American  
4 Revolution Santa Fe Trail Markers Remembrance Day" in the  
5 house of representatives; and

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition be extended to  
7 the daughters of the American revolution, the Santa Fe trail  
8 association, the residents of Bernal who provided manpower  
9 and equipment, the Bernal community center, the San Miguel  
10 county sheriff's department, the national park service and  
11 the New Mexico department of transportation, without whose  
12 cooperation these projects could not have been undertaken;  
13 and

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the chair of the American history committee of  
16 the New Mexico state society of the daughters of the American  
17 Revolution and the president of the Santa Fe trail  
18 association.

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