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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2018 "MILITARY AND VETERANS' DAY" IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long and proud history of
military service by its residents, a service that dates back
hundreds of years before statehood, when indigenous New
Mexicans resisted the advancement of European settlers in the
area; and

WHEREAS, this commitment to serving and protecting New
Mexico and the nation has continued as members of the
national guard and military reserves of New Mexico and other
residents have answered the call to arms to serve in World
War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, the Cold War, the
Vietnam conflict, the Gulf War, Bosnia, the global war on
terrorism and in peacetime eras between those wars and
conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam veterans memorial in Angel Fire was
created in memory of Marine First Lieutenant David Westphall
to honor all Vietnam-era veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Angel Fire memorial was the nation's first
Vietnam conflict memorial and was the inspiration for the
creation of the national Vietnam veterans memorial in
Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of

1 David Westphall being killed in ambush in Vietnam; and

2 WHEREAS, living in a free country, New Mexicans realize
3 that this freedom does not come without a cost; and

4 WHEREAS, freedom has been fought for by current service
5 members and veterans;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,
8 2018 be declared "Military and Veterans' Day" in the house of
9 representatives and that gratitude be extended to New
10 Mexico's current and former military service members for
11 their service and sacrifices for their country; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the department of military affairs and to the
14 veterans' services department.

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