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**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 11, 2019 "MILITARY AND VETERANS DAY" IN THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the United States was founded on the belief that  
Americans are guaranteed the inalienable rights of life,  
liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, this freedom that Americans enjoy does not come  
without a price; and

WHEREAS, this freedom is protected by those who have  
served in the United States armed forces; and

WHEREAS, brave military men and women have sacrificed to  
preserve and protect the American way of life from all enemies,  
foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of New Mexico, military  
service has been important to generations of residents; and

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1           WHEREAS, during pre-statehood territorial days, farmers  
2 and landowners helped the union army stop the spread of the  
3 confederacy at the battle of Glorieta during this nation's  
4 Civil War; and

5           WHEREAS, New Mexicans have readily answered the nation's  
6 call to arms – from World War I through the most recent wars in  
7 Iraq and Afghanistan; and

8           WHEREAS, New Mexico has consistently ranked among the  
9 states with the highest per capita rates of service; and

10           WHEREAS, with five military bases within New Mexico's  
11 borders today, eleven thousand active duty personnel, more than  
12 five thousand reserve and national guard members and a total of  
13 one hundred fifty-six thousand veterans, military and veteran  
14 presence continues to be a vital part of the fabric of New  
15 Mexico; and

16           WHEREAS, veterans have a major impact on New Mexico's  
17 economy; and

18           WHEREAS, veterans account for one billion five hundred  
19 million dollars (\$1,500,000,000) of benefits, services and  
20 expenditures by the United States department of veterans  
21 affairs in the state; and

22           WHEREAS, the average income of a veteran in New Mexico is  
23 forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) a year, which is seventeen  
24 thousand dollars (\$17,000) more than that of non-veteran wage  
25 earners in the state; and

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1 WHEREAS, there are twenty-five thousand veteran-owned  
2 businesses in New Mexico, accounting for nearly six billion  
3 five hundred million dollars (\$6,500,000,000) in sales; and

4 WHEREAS, in short, after they have served this country,  
5 veterans continue to serve New Mexico's economy;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 11, 2019  
8 be declared "Military and Veterans Day" in the house of  
9 representatives to acknowledge and honor the service, sacrifice  
10 and overall impact of the nation's armed forces personnel and  
11 veterans in New Mexico as these men and women have rendered the  
12 highest service any American can offer the country; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the governor, the state adjutant general and the  
15 secretary of veterans' services.