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HOUSE MEMORIAL 39

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 13, 2023 "LAS VEGAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND RECOGNIZING LAS VEGAS AS TRAILBLAZING THROUGH SUCCESS AND EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, Las Vegas was founded in 1835 as a Spanish land grant called Nuestra Senora de los Dolores de Las Vegas Grandes; and

WHEREAS, the Spanish settlers who founded the community had roots going back to the seventeenth century; and

WHEREAS, the acequia Madre in Las Vegas stands as a testament to more than one hundred fifty years of resourcefulness and ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas was a key rest stop, resupply point and protector of the Santa Fe trail, serving as a hub of commerce and lifeline between the growing west and the eastern parts of

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1 the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, Las Vegas can be described as innovative and
3 unvarnished, having courage and resolve, strength of character,
4 fortitude, determination, perseverance and endurance; and

5 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is laying a strong foundation for
6 private-sector growth and the sustainability of small
7 businesses; and

8 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is committed to building a foundation
9 for economic growth; and

10 WHEREAS, Las Vegas' can-do attitude will help Las Vegas
11 move forward, find quality-of-life and economic solutions and
12 expand homegrown companies; and

13 WHEREAS, Las Vegas' authentic assets will remain its
14 cultural foundation and the horsepower to drive tourism, new
15 industry and growth; and

16 WHEREAS, Las Vegas offers a multitude of unique shopping,
17 dining, musical and cultural experiences and adventures; and

18 WHEREAS, Las Vegas continues to attract and maintain cool
19 historical characters, including the boxer Jack Johnson; El
20 Hermitano, who lived at Hermits peak; and more popular
21 historical characters such as Doc Holliday, Billy the Kid,
22 Wyatt Earp and Jesse James; and

23 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county have more than
24 nine hundred buildings on the national register of historic
25 places; and

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1 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are unmatched as
2 an inviting and incredible tourist destination, with fine
3 historic hotels, authentic New Mexico character and easy access
4 to other local historic sites and outdoor recreation; and

5 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are beacons in
6 the land of enchantment; and

7 WHEREAS, aside from its historic and tourist attractions,
8 Las Vegas is home to many critical state institutions; and

9 WHEREAS, one such institution is the New Mexico behavioral
10 health institute at Las Vegas, the only state-owned and state-
11 operated psychiatric hospital, which provides critical medical
12 services to the state, including long-term nursing care for the
13 elderly and disabled; and

14 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is home to a wealth of knowledge with
15 five major educational institutions: New Mexico highlands
16 university, Luna community college, united world college, the
17 Las Vegas city public school district and the west Las Vegas
18 public school district; and

19 WHEREAS, these educational institutions are gems of the
20 city and crucibles of learning, teaching and discovery,
21 reaching far beyond northern New Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are committed to
23 the cultivation of growing film and technological economies;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the

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1 distinguished history and heritage of Las Vegas and San Miguel
2 county be recognized; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that support be expressed for the
4 business and film industry for its efforts to create jobs and
5 to promote the people and attractions of northern New Mexico;
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 13, 2023 be declared
8 "Las Vegas Day" in the house of representatives; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the mayor of Las Vegas, the members of the city
11 council of Las Vegas and the board of county commissioners of
12 San Miguel county.