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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING NEW MEXICO PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has always supported its military
veteran population; and

WHEREAS, the purple heart medal is the oldest military
decoration in present use and was initially created as the
badge of military merit by General George Washington in 1782;
and

WHEREAS, the purple heart medal was the first American
service award or decoration made available to the common
soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United
States armed forces who have been wounded or made the ultimate
sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States
of America; and

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1 WHEREAS, the mission of the military order of the purple
2 heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat-
3 wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism,
4 support legislative initiatives and, most importantly, ensure
5 that purple heart recipients are never forgotten; and

6 WHEREAS, an estimated two thousand five hundred to three
7 thousand New Mexicans have earned the purple heart medal; and

8 WHEREAS, the sacrifices that New Mexico purple heart
9 recipients have made in defending residents' freedoms are
10 acknowledged and appreciated; and

11 WHEREAS, it is important that purple heart recipients be
12 acknowledged for their courage and shown the honor and support
13 they earned;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico be
16 declared a purple heart state and that purple heart recipients
17 be honored and recognized for their service and sacrifice for
18 the state and the United States; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the secretary of veterans' services and the
21 department of New Mexico military order of the purple heart.

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