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HOUSE MEMORIAL 1

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH NEW
VETERAN' S CEMETERIES IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the national cemetery in Santa Fe is full; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a large veteran population of over
one hundred seventy thousand; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on our society to honor and
preserve customs that bind our people and thereby strengthen us;
and

WHEREAS, veterans of our armed services who fought in wars
for the preservation of our liberty, freedom and strength will
follow the course of all living things and succumb to the
inevitable peace of death; and

WHEREAS, moral, health and legal necessities claim a final
resting place for our warriors, a claim we all have on our

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1 fellows; and

2 WHEREAS, there are several proposals currently being
3 advanced to the legislative venue; and

4 WHEREAS, it is incumbent that we move in a direction that
5 will best serve the needs of the state for more than the short
6 term;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be
9 requested to create a commission to study the proposals and
10 recommend the best plan to establish new veteran's cemeteries in
11 New Mexico; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission be made up of
13 two members of the house of representatives, two members of the
14 senate, one member from the human services department and one
15 member from each of the major veterans organizations in the
16 state; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission complete its
18 task by December 1, 1997 and report its progress to the
19 appropriate interim committee of the legislature; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the governor, the speaker of the house of
22 representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate and the
23 secretary of human services.