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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

**PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 9, SECTION 14 OF THE CONSTITUTION
OF NEW MEXICO TO PERMIT THE DONATION OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS
(\$10,000) BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE "WOMEN IN MILITARY
SERVICE FOR AMERICA MEMORIAL" IN WASHINGTON, D. C.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 9, Section 14
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:**

**"Neither the state nor any county, school district or
municipality, except as otherwise provided in this
constitution, shall directly or indirectly lend or pledge its
credit or make any donation to or in aid of any person,
association or public or private corporation or in aid of any
private enterprise for the construction of any railroad;
provided:**

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1 A. nothing in this section shall be construed to
2 prohibit the state or any county or municipality from making
3 provision for the care and maintenance of sick and indigent
4 persons;

5 B. nothing in this section shall prohibit the
6 state from establishing a veterans' scholarship program for
7 Vietnam conflict veterans who are post-secondary students at
8 educational institutions under the exclusive control of the
9 state by exempting such veterans from the payment of tuition.
10 For the purposes of this subsection, a "Vietnam conflict
11 veteran" is any person who has been honorably discharged from
12 the armed forces of the United States, who was a resident of
13 New Mexico at the original time of entry into the armed forces
14 from New Mexico and who has been awarded a Vietnam campaign
15 medal for service in the armed forces of this country in
16 Vietnam during the period from August 5, 1964 to the official
17 termination date of the Vietnam conflict as designated by
18 executive order of the president of the United States;

19 C. the state may also establish by law a program
20 of loans to students of the healing arts, as defined by law,
21 for residents of the state who, in return for the payment of
22 educational expenses, contract with the state to practice
23 their profession for a period of years after graduation within
24 areas of the state designated by law; [and]

25 D. nothing in this section shall be construed to

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1 prohibit the state or a county or municipality from creating
2 new job opportunities by providing land, buildings or
3 infrastructure for facilities to support new or expanding
4 businesses if this assistance is granted pursuant to general
5 implementing legislation that is approved by a majority vote
6 of those elected to each house of the legislature. The
7 implementing legislation shall include adequate safeguards to
8 protect public money or other resources used for the purposes
9 authorized in this subsection. The implementing legislation
10 shall further provide that:

11 (1) each specific county or municipal project
12 providing assistance pursuant to this subsection need not be
13 approved by the legislature but shall be approved by the
14 county or municipality pursuant to procedures provided in the
15 implementing legislation; and

16 (2) each specific state project providing
17 assistance pursuant to this subsection shall be approved by
18 law; and

19 E. the state may donate the sum of ten thousand
20 dollars (\$10,000) to the women in military service for America
21 memorial foundation, Inc., Washington, D.C., to be used in the
22 construction of a "Women in Military Service for America
23 Memorial" in that city, but if the memorial is not
24 constructed, the donation shall be returned to the state. "

25 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution

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1 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
2 rejection at the next general election or at any special
3 election prior to that date which may be called for that
4 purpose.

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