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HOUSE MEMORIAL 8

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

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING OUR POLICE OFFICERS AND JOINING WITH THE GOVERNOR IN
PROCLAIMING THIS DAY NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DAY.

WHEREAS, police officers risk their lives every day in
the line of duty to serve and protect the citizens of New
Mexico; and

WHEREAS, police officers give true witness to the belief
that there is no greater love than that a man lay down his
life for his friends; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's law enforcement officers are the
thin blue line between law-abiding citizens and an
increasingly dangerous criminal element; and

WHEREAS, this week of May has been declared National
Police Memorial Week; and

WHEREAS, more than one hundred fifty-one police officers
nationwide have been killed in the line of duty this year; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kelly F. Clark, Sierra county deputy
sheriff and the only New Mexican officer to die in the line of
duty this year, was killed March 4, 1999, during the regular

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legislative session, while transporting a prisoner; and
WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature honors officer Kelly
F. Clark and all the officers who risk their lives for all of
us;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
legislature join with the governor in declaring May 11 New
Mexico Law Enforcement Officer Day in New Mexico; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the governor, the chief of the New Mexico state
police and the president of the appropriate police officers'
associations.