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HOUSE MEMORIAL 30

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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A MEMORIAL

**SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES LATINO AND LATINA WORLD WAR II
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT AND ENCOURAGING NEW MEXICANS TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS, World War II was a major turning point for
United States Latinos and Latinas, changing the worldviews of
an entire generation; and**

**WHEREAS, World War II left few lives untouched, and even
those young men and women who were unable to join the fighting
forces would never be the same; and**

**WHEREAS, in the following years, these men and women made
astounding civil rights advancements in school desegregation,
in voting rights and in basic civil rights; and**

**WHEREAS, powerful organizations grew out of this era,
including the American G.I. forum and the Mexican American**

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1 legal defense and educational fund; and

2 WHEREAS, while there have been a few excellent books and
3 articles that document these events, little attention has been
4 paid to the average Latino and Latina of the World War II
5 generation; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States Latino and Latina World War II
7 oral history project, based at the university of Texas at
8 Austin school of journalism, seeks to capture the stories of
9 the average Latino and Latina of the World War II generation;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the project is videotaping interviews with these
12 men and women throughout the country; and

13 WHEREAS, the project will create an oral history archive,
14 a photographic archive, a web site, a general interest book
15 and a documentary film; and

16 WHEREAS, the project is seeking support from volunteers
17 and contributors and is seeking donations of World War II
18 memorabilia; and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich history of World War II
20 experiences and much to contribute to the project;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United
23 States Latino and Latina World War II oral history project be
24 supported; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be

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1 encouraged to participate in the project; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the United States Latino and Latina World War
4 II oral history project.

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