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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 13**

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

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**A MEMORIAL**

**RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY  
ACADEMY AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK.**

**WHEREAS, the United States military academy at West  
Point, New York, was established by an act of congress that  
was signed into law by President Thomas Jefferson in 1802; and**

**WHEREAS, this year marks the bicentennial of the  
establishment of the academy; and**

**WHEREAS, during its existence, the academy has graduated  
nearly fifty-eight thousand five hundred cadets; and**

**WHEREAS, in keeping with its mission, the academy  
developed those graduates as leaders of character for the  
United States army and inspired them to pursue careers as  
commissioned officers and a lifetime of selfless service to  
our nation; and**

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1           WHEREAS, many of the graduates have distinguished  
2 themselves as leaders in the armed services, including  
3 Generals Ulysses S. Grant, George A. Custer, Douglas  
4 MacArthur, George S. Patton, Omar N. Bradley, Dwight D.  
5 Eisenhower and H. Norman Schwarzkopf; and

6           WHEREAS, West Point graduates Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight  
7 D. Eisenhower have gone on to become president of the United  
8 States; and

9           WHEREAS, West Point graduates Frank Borman and Edwin E.  
10 "Buzz" Aldrin have gone on to become astronauts; and

11           WHEREAS, thirty-nine New Mexicans have graduated from the  
12 academy and twelve more will graduate in the bicentennial  
13 class; and

14           WHEREAS, the twelve New Mexicans who will be graduating  
15 in the bicentennial class are: Jerrod Adams of Farmington,  
16 Gregory Barber of Albuquerque, Francis Brink of Las Cruces,  
17 Andrew Chavez of Santa Fe, Tyler Donnell of Albuquerque,  
18 Justin Hawthorne of Ruidoso, Josef Michaels of Raton, Andrew  
19 Pruett of Santa Fe, Nicholas Ryan of Espanola, Thomas Strum of  
20 Las Vegas, Christopher Walls of Raton and Sarah Wolberg of  
21 Socorro; and

22           WHEREAS, the long gray line of West Point has never  
23 failed our country;

24           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that gratitude and

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1 support be expressed to the United States military academy at  
2 West Point for its two hundred years of service and its long  
3 line of graduates; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the superintendent of the United States  
6 military academy and to the New Mexico cadets who will  
7 graduate with the bicentennial class.

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