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A JOINT MEMORIAL

COMMENDING THE COURAGE, HEROISM AND SACRIFICE OF WAR DOGS.

WHEREAS, the military has faithfully been served by tens of thousands of war dogs during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War; the Bosnia and Kosovo peacekeeping operations; and coalition operations in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, these war dogs were specially trained for extremely hazardous duties, such as scout sentry, tracking, mine and booby trap detection, tunnel and water patrol, coast guard, messenger, search and rescue, and explosives and drug detection; and

WHEREAS, American military war dog teams have established a long and legendary history of courage, heroism and sacrifice on countless foreign fields of battle and are credited with

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1 saving many thousands of lives of Americans, allies and
2 noncombatants; and

3 WHEREAS, war dogs have significantly reduced the enemy's
4 capacity to sabotage or destroy war equipment worth billions of
5 dollars, working only for food, water and the love, loyalty and
6 bond of their handlers; and

7 WHEREAS, thousands of war dogs with everyday names like
8 Prince, Duke, Gomer, Tuffy, Fritz, Lady, Rebel, Sarge, Pirate,
9 Krim, Buck, Rusty, Satan and Blackie never returned from their
10 duty in harm's way; and

11 WHEREAS, the national war dog team memorial is currently
12 being crafted for permanent display in Washington, D.C.;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the courage, heroism and sacrifice of
15 war dogs be commended and that humble gratitude be offered for
16 the heroic performance of war dogs as the auxiliary and best
17 friends of American service personnel; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the secretary of veterans' services.

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