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HOUSE MEMORIAL 5

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE HEROISM AND SACRIFICES OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, every year, many dedicated, service-oriented New
Mexicans choose to enter law enforcement despite the incredible
dangers and uncertainties that come with the job; and

WHEREAS, every day, law enforcement officers unselfishly
risk their lives to ensure protection of the rights,
privileges, property and safety of the people of New Mexico;
and

WHEREAS, sworn to preserve peace, maintain order and
prevent and detect crime, law enforcement officers never know
what challenges and turn of events their day will bring, much
less whether they will end their day safe at home with their
loved ones; and

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1 WHEREAS, hundreds of police departments and sheriffs'
2 offices around the country have lost personnel in the line of
3 duty; and

4 WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy declared May 15 as
5 national "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in honor and remembrance
6 of those who have lost their lives or who have become disabled
7 in the performance of duty; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2015, Albuquerque police department Officer
9 Daniel Scott Webster and Rio Rancho police department Officer
10 Gregg "Nigel" Benner both lost their lives in the line of duty,
11 and Albuquerque police department Officer Lou Golson was
12 severely wounded in the line of duty; and

13 WHEREAS, without the courageous men and women serving in
14 law enforcement agencies, the great state of New Mexico would
15 be a less safe and secure place for all;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that law enforcement
18 officers be honored and recognized for the daily heroism and
19 sacrifices made to ensure the peace and safety of New Mexicans
20 in all of the state's communities; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the family of Officer Daniel Scott Webster, the
23 family of Officer Gregg "Nigel" Benner, Officer Lou Golson, the
24 Albuquerque police department, the Rio Rancho police
25 department, the New Mexico sheriffs' and police association and

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