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SENATE MEMORIAL 77

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEW MEXICO NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS.

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the
naval reserve officer training corps program, more commonly
known as navy ROTC, at the university of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the navy ROTC program began in 1926, with six
units established at the university of California at Berkeley,
the Georgia institute of technology, Harvard university,
Northwestern university, the university of Washington and Yale
university; and

WHEREAS, the navy ROTC program was established to provide
a broad base of citizens knowledgeable in the arts and sciences
of naval warfare, and the program provided an opportunity for
young men to undertake careers in the naval profession; and

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1 WHEREAS, as part of the navy buildup prior to World War
2 II, a decision was made to expand the navy ROTC program; and

3 WHEREAS, in the spring of 1941, the university of New
4 Mexico was selected as the location of one of the expansion
5 units; and

6 WHEREAS, navy ROTC was chartered at the university of New
7 Mexico on May 10, 1941 and was the first ROTC unit of any
8 United States military service established at the university;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's navy ROTC program
11 has maintained the longest on-campus presence, with seventy-
12 five continuous years as of June 27, 2016; and

13 WHEREAS, the mission of the navy ROTC unit at the
14 university of New Mexico is to educate, train and commission
15 officers in the United States navy and marine corps; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1941, over one thousand eight hundred navy
17 and marine corps officers have been commissioned through the
18 university's navy ROTC program; and

19 WHEREAS, officers trained at the university of New Mexico
20 have served in World War II, the Korean conflict and the
21 Vietnam conflict and in Operation Desert Storm, Iraq and
22 Afghanistan; and

23 WHEREAS, navy ROTC soldiers continue to serve worldwide
24 today;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that recognition and congratulations be extended
2 to the university of New Mexico's naval reserve officer
3 training corps program on its seventy-fifth anniversary; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the commanding officer of the university of New
6 Mexico's naval reserve officer training corps.