

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 23, 2017 "MILITARY AND VETERANS' DAY" IN
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long and proud history of
6 military service by its residents, a service that dates back
7 hundreds of years before statehood, when indigenous New
8 Mexicans resisted the advancement of European settlers in the
9 area; and

10 WHEREAS, this commitment to serving and protecting New
11 Mexico and the nation has continued as members of the
12 national guard and military reserves of New Mexico and other
13 residents have answered the call to arms to serve in World
14 War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, the Cold War, the
15 Vietnam conflict, the Gulf War, Bosnia, the global war on
16 terrorism and in peacetime eras between those wars and
17 conflicts; and

18 WHEREAS, as the United States' military might has grown,
19 so, too, has the military's reliance on women in all critical
20 areas of operations; and

21 WHEREAS, women are no longer relegated to secretarial,
22 clerical and other non-combat roles, and women in today's
23 military are serving in countless other critical and combat
24 positions; and

25 WHEREAS, women are now the fastest-growing segment of

1 the nation's veteran population, with more than two million
2 female veterans in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, there are seventeen thousand one hundred
4 seventy female veterans in New Mexico, and all female
5 veterans combined represent ten percent of the veteran
6 population; and

7 WHEREAS, living in a free country, New Mexicans realize
8 that this freedom does not come without a cost; and

9 WHEREAS, freedom has been fought for by current service
10 members and veterans, including women currently and formerly
11 in uniform;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 23,
14 2017 be declared "Military and Veterans' Day" in the house of
15 representatives and that gratitude be extended to New
16 Mexico's current and former military service members for
17 their service and sacrifices for their country; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a special thank you be
19 extended to female service members and veterans for serving,
20 or having served, shoulder to shoulder in combat areas with
21 their military brothers; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that female service members be
23 equally recognized as military heroes and be thanked for
24 their service and sacrifice to the United States of America;
25 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 transmitted to the department of military affairs and to the
3 veterans' services department.

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