

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING TONY REYNA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS  
3 COMMUNITY, THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES.  
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5 WHEREAS, Tony Reyna was born February 1, 1916 in Taos,  
6 New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was raised at the Pueblo of Taos,  
8 located in the Sangre de Cristo mountains of northern  
9 New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was educated at the Taos Pueblo day  
11 school and the Santa Fe Indian school, and he graduated from  
12 Santa Fe high school in 1936; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was a member of the New Mexico army  
14 national guard and was mobilized for active military duty in  
15 the Philippines during World War II; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was a Bataan death march survivor and  
17 endured three and one-half years of brutal captivity as a  
18 prisoner of war until he was liberated by Allied forces in  
19 1945; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was a patient at the Letterman army  
21 hospital in San Francisco, California, and the Bruns army  
22 hospital in Santa Fe before he returned to settle back at  
23 Taos Pueblo and the Taos community; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna opened the Tony Reyna's Indian shop  
25 in 1950 at the Pueblo of Taos, which has remained in

1 continuous operation to this day; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was a highly respected member of the  
3 Pueblo of Taos governing body, beginning as secretary of the  
4 governor's office in 1975, then serving as lieutenant  
5 governor in 1977, as the Pueblo of Taos governor twice, in  
6 1982 and 1992, and as a lifetime member of the Taos Pueblo  
7 council; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna served as a police commissioner of  
9 the town of Taos, as a member of the Taos municipal school  
10 district board of education, as a trustee of the Millicent  
11 Rogers museum and as a tribal judge at the Santa Fe Indian  
12 market; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was named a Santa Fe living treasure  
14 in 1992, in recognition of a lifetime of service to the  
15 Pueblo of Taos and its people, his community, his state and  
16 his country; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was an honored veteran who served  
18 during times of peace and war; was a recognized leader of the  
19 Pueblo of Taos; and was a community leader of the highest and  
20 most exemplary accomplishments who demonstrated his public  
21 spirit and service to others; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna celebrated his one hundredth birthday  
23 on February 1, 2016, and that day was declared by the senate  
24 of the state of New Mexico as "Tony Reyna Day" in the senate;  
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