

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 147

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 HONORING OFFICER HOUSTON JAMES LARGO AND RECOGNIZING HIS
12 ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

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14 WHEREAS, Navajo Nation police officer Houston James Largo,
15 age twenty-seven, was tragically killed in the line of duty and
16 died on Sunday, March 12, 2017; and

17 WHEREAS, on Saturday night, March 11, 2017, Officer Largo
18 responded to a domestic disturbance call in the rural Casamero
19 Lake area; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Largo pulled over a vehicle on county
21 road 19 and was shot twice by a passenger in the vehicle; and

22 WHEREAS, Officer Largo was flown to the university of New
23 Mexico hospital in Albuquerque, where he died the following
24 day; and

25 WHEREAS, Navajo Nation president Russell Begaye stated

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1 that Officer Largo's life "brings to mind the situations our
2 officers face every day in responding to calls, getting in
3 their unit and putting their lives on the line"; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Largo was a decorated officer who was
5 hired by the Navajo Nation police department on August 27, 2012
6 and served for four years and six months; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Largo graduated from Thoreau high school
8 in 2012 and attended the university of New Mexico, studying
9 criminology; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Largo got his first job in law
11 enforcement with the Gallup police department in February 2010,
12 and he started patrolling the streets of Gallup on foot; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Largo was named the Gallup police
14 department's "Officer of the Year" in 2011-2012 for going above
15 and beyond his duties to get the job done; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Largo graduated from the New Mexico
17 police academy on February 3, 2011; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Largo was employed as a deputy with the
19 McKinley county sheriff's office from February 2012 to August
20 2012, prior to joining the Navajo Nation police department; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Indian country law enforcement
22 section honored Officer Largo and two other Navajo police
23 officers for their heroism and life-saving efforts during
24 another domestic violence incident that took the life of a
25 Navajo police officer, and Officer Largo and two other officers

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1 were named "Officer of the Year Honorees" for their heroic
2 actions; and

3 WHEREAS, serving the eastern agency of the Navajo Nation,
4 Officer Largo covered large rural areas, often alone, and
5 sometimes with poor or little phone or radio signal, as was the
6 case the night he was shot; and

7 WHEREAS, friends and colleagues describe Officer Largo as
8 a humorous, smart and very dependable officer who went above
9 and beyond the line of duty to serve and help others; and

10 WHEREAS, friends remember Officer Largo as the guy who was
11 always cracking jokes and making people laugh; and

12 WHEREAS, although Officer Largo was a "geek" in high
13 school who loved mathematics and solving trigonometry problems,
14 he took the most humble path of law enforcement and became a
15 warrior and protector; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Largo's body was transported from
17 Albuquerque to Gallup on the afternoon of March 13, 2017,
18 followed by a caravan of law enforcement personnel from local
19 and state agencies; and

20 WHEREAS, hundreds of people gathered at the bridges and
21 exits along interstate highway 40 in McKinley county to pay
22 respects and honor the fallen officer as the caravan passed
23 through communities; and

24 WHEREAS, Officer Largo is survived by his mother, Maggie
25 Charley; his brother, Roland Largo; and his sister, Tamarra

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1 Largo;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that Officer Houston James Largo be honored for
4 his bravery and his ultimate sacrifice; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the family of Officer Houston James Largo.

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