

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2018 "MILITARY AND VETERANS' DAY" IN
3 THE SENATE.

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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
8 New Mexicans resisted the advancement of European settlers in
9 the area; and

10 WHEREAS, this commitment to serving and protecting
11 New 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, the Vietnam veterans memorial in Angel Fire was
19 created in memory of Marine First Lieutenant David Westphall
20 to honor all Vietnam-era veterans; and

21 WHEREAS, the Angel Fire memorial was the nation's first
22 Vietnam conflict memorial and was the inspiration for the
23 creation of the national Vietnam veterans memorial in
24 Washington, D.C.; and

25 WHEREAS, this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of

1 David Westphall being killed in ambush in Vietnam; and

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

4 WHEREAS, freedom has been fought for by current service
5 members and veterans;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31, 2018 be declared
8 "Military and Veterans' Day" in the senate and that gratitude
9 be extended to New Mexico's current and former military
10 service members for their service and sacrifices for their
11 country; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the department of military affairs and to the
14 veterans' services department. _____

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