1 A MEMORIAL 2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1, 2018 "MCKINLEY COUNTY AND GALLUP DAY" 3 IN THE SENATE. 4 5 WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup are the 6 northwestern gateway to New Mexico; and 7 WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup reflect 8 the rich cultural, recreational and economic diversity of 9 New Mexico; and 10 WHEREAS, McKinley county has the greatest number of 11 Native American residents of any New Mexico county and is the 12 home of members of the Navajo Nation and the Pueblo of Zuni 13 and of one of the largest gatherings of Native Americans, the 14 annual intertribal Indian ceremonial; and 15 WHEREAS, McKinley county is the home of Red Rock park; 16 and 17 WHEREAS, McKinley county incorporates the continental 18 divide, which separates the watersheds of the Pacific and 19 Atlantic oceans; and 20 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup has a historic downtown and 21 is recognized as both a New Mexico mainstreet and an arts and 22 cultural district; and

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WHEREAS, McKinley county hosted the twenty-four-hour national mountain bicycling championships and boosts usage and awareness of the Zuni mountain trail system, the jewel of SM 77 Page 1

the southwest; and

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is known as the adventure capital of New Mexico and is recognized as the most patriotic small town in America; and

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is a center of commerce for members of the Navajo Nation and has been a corridor for cross-country rail traffic since the nineteenth century;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 1, 2018 be designated "McKinley County and Gallup Day" in the senate to honor and showcase the many facets of McKinley county and of the city of Gallup; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the board of county commissioners of McKinley county and to the mayor and city council of the city of Gallup.

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