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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 6, 2018 "NEW MEXICO DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION SANTA FE TRAIL MARKERS REMEMBRANCE DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the daughters of the American revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization founded in 1890 and dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education; and

WHEREAS, the daughters of the American revolution has sixteen chapters in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe trail association is a nonprofit organization founded in 1986 and dedicated to protecting and preserving the Santa Fe trail to promote awareness of the historical legacy associated with it; and

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1           WHEREAS, the Santa Fe trail association is composed of  
2 people of all ages and walks of life who are bound together by  
3 an interest in the Santa Fe trail and an interest in preserving  
4 its many physical traces and landmarks that still exist in the  
5 American west; and

6           WHEREAS, the Santa Fe trail association has three chapters  
7 in New Mexico; and

8           WHEREAS, in 1821, the first Santa Fe trail wagon train  
9 left Independence, Missouri, for Santa Fe, New Mexico; and

10          WHEREAS, the Santa Fe trail became America's first great  
11 international commercial highway, and for nearly sixty years  
12 thereafter was one of the nation's great routes of adventure  
13 and western expansion; and

14          WHEREAS, in 1910, the daughters of the American  
15 revolution, jointly with the territory of New Mexico, placed  
16 twenty-one granite markers on the Santa Fe trail in New Mexico;  
17 and

18          WHEREAS, nineteen of these markers have been located,  
19 photographed and documented with global positioning system  
20 coordinates by members of the daughters of the American  
21 revolution and the Santa Fe trail association; and

22          WHEREAS, the United States congress recognized the  
23 significance of the Santa Fe trail to American history  
24 proclaiming it a national historic trail in 1987; and

25          WHEREAS, the Santa Fe trail will be two hundred years old

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1 in 2021; and

2 WHEREAS, in preparation for the two hundredth anniversary  
3 of the Santa Fe trail, restoration of three markers began in  
4 November 2017, with the marker located in the San Miguel county  
5 village of Bernal in the shadow of Starvation peak; and

6 WHEREAS, the granite Santa Fe trail markers in San Jose  
7 del Vado and Tecolote are also scheduled to be restored in the  
8 near future;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 6,  
11 2018 be declared "New Mexico Daughters of the American  
12 Revolution Santa Fe Trail Markers Remembrance Day" in the house  
13 of representatives; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition be extended to the  
15 daughters of the American revolution, the Santa Fe trail  
16 association, the residents of Bernal who provided manpower and  
17 equipment, the Bernal community center, the San Miguel county  
18 sheriff's department, the national park service and the New  
19 Mexico department of transportation, without whose cooperation  
20 these projects could not have been undertaken; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the chair of the American history committee of  
23 the New Mexico state society of the daughters of the American  
24 Revolution and the president of the Santa Fe trail association.

