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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2018 "GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RECOGNIZING THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY AND COMMEMORATING THE ONE-HUNDRED-SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO.

WHEREAS, on February 2, 1848, the United States and the Republic of Mexico signed the Treaty of Peace, Friendship, Limits and Settlement, known as the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, at the main altar of the old cathedral of Guadalupe at the Villa Hidalgo to end the war between the two nations; and

WHEREAS, the lands relinquished or ceded by Mexico, totaling over seven hundred ninety thousand square miles, now constitute all or parts of eight states in the American west,

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1 including Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico,  
2 Texas, Utah and Wyoming; and

3 WHEREAS, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo included  
4 provisions for the protection of established property rights,  
5 including community land grants, within the transferred areas;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Spanish and Mexican community land grants and  
8 Native American pueblo communities throughout New Mexico have  
9 relied on the provisions of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo to  
10 protect their current remaining common lands and as the basis  
11 to pursue a just recovery of their traditional, former common  
12 lands; and

13 WHEREAS, on February 2, 1998, community land grant heirs  
14 and advocates from around the state came together at the state  
15 capitol to celebrate the first-ever Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty  
16 day; and

17 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12-5-10 NMSA 1978, the second  
18 of February is set apart each year and known as "Guadalupe  
19 Hidalgo treaty day" in New Mexico; and

20 WHEREAS, February 2, 2018 marks one hundred seventy years  
21 since the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo; and

22 WHEREAS, over generations, New Mexico's land grant  
23 communities have experienced phenomenal changes in government,  
24 culture and economy, and their resilience is demonstrated by  
25 their growing vitality as political subdivisions of the state;

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