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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO NAME A BRIDGE  
LOCATED AT INTERSTATE 40, EXIT 81, IN GRANTS THE "VIETNAM  
VETERANS' MEMORIAL BRIDGE".

WHEREAS, requests for the designation or dedication by  
name of any department of transportation bridge are submitted  
to the state transportation commission for approval; and

WHEREAS, a requested designation by name is intended as a  
memorial to an event, a person or persons of historical  
significance or intended as an honor to a person or persons of  
national esteem; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was a conflict that pitted the  
communist regime of North Vietnam against South Vietnam and its  
principal ally, the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War ended in 1973, and many brave and

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1 honorable veterans returned to New Mexico at the end of the  
2 war; and

3 WHEREAS, there were one hundred fifty-two thousand fifty-  
4 five veterans living in New Mexico as of 2014, according to a  
5 veterans profile from the workforce solutions department; and

6 WHEREAS, within the United States, veterans represented  
7 seven and nine-tenths percent of the total population, with New  
8 Mexico ranked thirteenth in the nation for concentration of  
9 veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, just under forty percent of all New Mexico  
11 veterans and nearly fifty percent of all conflict veterans had  
12 served in the Vietnam War; and

13 WHEREAS, these brave men and women veterans are held in  
14 national esteem and deserve to be honored for the sacrifices  
15 they made on behalf of their families, the state and the  
16 nation; and

17 WHEREAS, a fitting honor to recognize New Mexico's Vietnam  
18 War veterans would be to have a bridge named in their honor;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state  
21 transportation commission be requested to name a bridge located  
22 at interstate 40, exit 81, in Grants the "Vietnam Veterans'  
23 Memorial Bridge"; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the state transportation commission.

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