

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 4, 2021 "HARDING COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES AND CELEBRATING HARDING COUNTY'S ONE  
4 HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

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6 WHEREAS, with vast plains and mesas, grasslands and  
7 rivers, Harding county is as unique as it is beautiful; and

8 WHEREAS, when the railroads opened up settlement of the  
9 west, homesteaders settled in what is now remote Harding  
10 county and southern Union county until the great depression  
11 and the dust bowl impeded progress; and

12 WHEREAS, although small in terms of population, Harding  
13 county is rich in history and geography; and

14 WHEREAS, Harding county was created by the state  
15 legislature on March 4, 1921, with Governor Merritt C. Mechem  
16 conferring official status to Harding county; and

17 WHEREAS, Harding county is named for United States  
18 President Warren G. Harding and was created from parts of  
19 Union and Mora counties; and

20 WHEREAS, March 4, 1921 also was the same day Warren G.  
21 Harding was inaugurated as the twenty-ninth president of the  
22 United States; and

23 WHEREAS, Harding county is the least populous county in  
24 New Mexico, and the only incorporated cities in the county  
25 are Roy and Mosquero, the county seat; and

1           WHEREAS, Harding county has a total area of two thousand  
2 one hundred twenty-six square miles and is divided between  
3 high prairie to the northwest and a lower semi-desert  
4 rangeland to the southeast; and

5           WHEREAS, Harding county is bounded on the west by the  
6 Canadian river canyon, one of the most striking features in  
7 eastern New Mexico, with soaring cliffs, diverse flora and  
8 fauna, wild rivers, striking rock formations and historic  
9 ruins; and

10          WHEREAS, the Kiowa national grasslands is located in the  
11 northern section of Harding county and is part of a national  
12 grasslands system that covers two hundred sixty-three  
13 thousand nine hundred fifty-four acres scattered throughout  
14 New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma; and

15          WHEREAS, dinosaur tracks start at Mosquero creek and  
16 stretch northward through New Mexico and southeastern  
17 Colorado; and

18          WHEREAS, Harding county is home to cowboys and cowgirls  
19 and colorful characters like Bob Wills, who was a barber in a  
20 Roy barbershop in his pre-Texas Playboys music days; and

21          WHEREAS, Harding county residents are a blend of  
22 Hispanic and Anglo cultures; and

23          WHEREAS, much of the personal income in Harding county  
24 is from cattle ranching; and

25          WHEREAS, Harding county boasts blue skies with three

1 hundred sixty days of sunshine per year; and

2 WHEREAS, Harding county was founded on preserving the  
3 principles of patriotism, prosperity and progress; and

4 WHEREAS, residents of Harding county dedicate themselves  
5 to promoting harmony and the social welfare of people and  
6 protecting the rights of people;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the great  
9 people and great places of Harding county be recognized on  
10 its one hundredth birthday; and

11 BE IT RESOLVED that March 4, 2021 be declared "Harding  
12 County Day" in the house of representatives; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the members of the board of county  
15 commissioners of Harding county.

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