

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 20, 2023 "MILITARY AND VETERANS DAY" IN  
3 THE SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, the nation was founded on the belief that all  
5 Americans live in a free society and are guaranteed the  
6 inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of  
7 happiness; and

8 WHEREAS, these freedoms everyone enjoys do not come  
9 without a price, and they have been fought for and defended  
10 by the nation's military service members who have sacrificed  
11 to preserve and protect those freedoms and the country from  
12 all enemies, foreign and domestic; and

13 WHEREAS, there exists in New Mexico a long and proud  
14 history of military service by its residents, dating back to  
15 the indigenous peoples who were willing to fight for, and  
16 defend, their land from European settlers; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexicans turned back the Confederacy at the  
18 battle of Glorieta pass in northern New Mexico in 1862; and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexicans were an integral part of  
20 Teddy Roosevelt's famed "rough riders", who helped drive off  
21 Spain from Cuba and led to victory in the Spanish-American  
22 War; and

23 WHEREAS, in World War I, fourteen thousand one hundred  
24 New Mexicans served; forty-nine thousand five hundred  
25 New Mexicans served in World War II; twenty-five thousand

1 New Mexicans served in the Korean conflict; fifty-seven  
2 thousand New Mexicans served in the Vietnam conflict; and  
3 more than fifty thousand New Mexicans have served since the  
4 Gulf War; and

5 WHEREAS, with four military installations, twelve  
6 thousand seven hundred active-duty personnel, four thousand  
7 national guard and reserve members, as well as one hundred  
8 forty-one thousand veterans living in the state, military  
9 influence remains a strong part of the fabric of New Mexico  
10 today;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to  
13 New Mexico's military personnel and veterans by declaring  
14 February 20, 2023 "Military and Veterans Day" in the senate;  
15 and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico's current and  
17 former military service members be honored and thanked for  
18 their service and sacrifice for the country; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the secretary-designate of veterans'  
21 services. \_\_\_\_\_