HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 15

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

EDDIE CORLEY

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 20 AS BUFFALO
SOLDIER DAY AND RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICE OF
THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS.

WHEREAS, the first buffalo soldiers were named so by
Native Americans because the hair and fierce fighting spirit
of the soldiers personified the spirit of the revered buffalo;
and

WHEREAS, the buffalo soldiers comprised four Black
regiments, the 9th U.S. cavalry, 10th U.S. cavalry, 24th U.S.
infantry and 25th U.S. infantry, which were assigned to
protect western settlements and railway and telegraph workers
and to explore and map large sections of the American west;
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WHEREAS, the buffalo soldiers of the old west earned

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1  twenty-five medals of honor, and although more than one

2  million Black soldiers served as buffalo soldiers during World

3  War II, fifty thousand seeing combat, none received the medal

4  of honor until 1997 when President Clinton presented Vernon J.

5  Baker a medal of honor for his valor, along with six other men

6  who received the medal posthumously;

7      NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

8  STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 20 be declared "buffalo

9  soldier day" in honor of Black soldiers who served throughout

10  the history of the United States; and

11      BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

12  transmitted to the New Mexico veterans' service commission.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1998

January 28, 1998

Mr. Speaker:

Your **RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE,** to whom has been referred

**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 15**

has had it under consideration and finds same to be **GERMANE** in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>R. David Pederson, Chairman</u>

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8   The roll call vote was <u>8</u> For <u>0</u> Against

9   Yes:        8

10  Excused:    Lujan, Luna, Nicely, Picraux, Ryan, Sanchez, Williams,

11  S.M

12  Absent:     None

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1998

February 3, 1998

Mr. Speaker:

Your **LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE,** to whom has been referred

**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL**

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**Sheryl M Williams, Chairman**

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The roll call vote was __7__ For __0__ Against

Yes:    7

Excused:    None

Absent:    Marquardt

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**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SESSION, 1998**

**February 16, 1998**

Mr. President:

   Your **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**, to whom has been
referred

                    **HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 15**

has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it **DO PASS**.

                         Respectfully submitted,

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                         **Shannon Robinson, Chairman**

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Yes:          5

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Excused:  Boitano, Ingle, Smith, Vernon

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Absent:   None

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