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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 1

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Richard M. Romero

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 30, 1598, AS THE OFFICIAL DATE OF THE FIRST THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION EVER HELD BETWEEN INDIANS AND EUROPEANS IN WHAT IS TODAY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEREAS, after exasperating and expensive delays, in the spring of 1598, Juan de Onate led the first colonizing expedition into the northernmost reaches of La Nueva Espana today known as the southwestern United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Onate brought with him to the land that would be known as New Mexico an expedition of approximately five hundred colonists, including men, women and children, ten Franciscan priests and lay brothers; and

WHEREAS, now at the threshold of New Mexico, custom and law required that the occasion be marked by proper ritual,

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1 both secular and religious; and

2 WHEREAS, when they reached the banks of the Rio Bravo del
3 Norte, today known as the Rio Grande, Juan de Onate proclaimed
4 that the day had arrived for conducting a formal ceremony of
5 thanksgiving to take possession of the new land; and

6 WHEREAS, Onate directed the construction of a spacious
7 bower to serve as a chapel; and

8 WHEREAS, with everyone in attendance, a solemn high mass
9 was celebrated; and

10 WHEREAS, Father Martinez delivered the sermon; and

11 WHEREAS, after mass, everyone joined Onate in a grove of
12 giant trees where, assisted by the royal notary Juan Perez de
13 Donis, he read in a firm voice the official act of possession.
14 This document summarized Onate's rights, privileges and
15 titles; and

16 WHEREAS, shots were fired in the air while trumpets
17 blared and families and servants shouted approval, and Juan de
18 Onate signed and sealed the official act at the same time the
19 royal ensign lifted King Philip's regal banner and waved it
20 aloft, and

21 WHEREAS, the kingdom of New Mexico came into being, at
22 midday on April 30, 1598; and

23 WHEREAS, the Mansos, the amicable local Indians who lived
24 along the river who had been helping the Spanish, now joined
25 them in a thanksgiving meal of duck, geese, corn and great

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1 variety of fish found in the river; and

2 WHEREAS, Captain Villagra who vigilantly documented the
3 events of the day, tells us that the afternoon was given over
4 to celebrating, "with great joy and mirth";

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that from this day forward the true and
7 accurate history of New Mexico be heralded throughout our
8 state by encouraging the celebration of April 30 as the first
9 thanksgiving ever celebrated in what is today the United
10 States of America; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the governor.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:
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16 1. On page 1, line 13, strike "INDIANS" and insert in lieu
17 thereof "NATIVE AMERICANS".
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19 2. On page 2, line 23, strike "Indians" and insert in lieu
20 thereof "Native Americans".,
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22 and thence referred to the EDUCATION COMMITTEE.
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25 Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Howes, Co-Chair

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Kysar

Absent: None

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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23 Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Adair, Boitano, Gorham, Lopez

Absent: None

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, to whom has
11 been referred
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13 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 1, as amended
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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22 Edward C. Sandoval, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 12 For 0 Against

Yes: 12

Excused: Sanchez

Absent: None

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