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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION TO
COORDINATE DONATIONS SO AS TO PROVIDE A MEMORIAL PLAQUE
HONORING NEW MEXICO'S WOMEN VETERANS AND SERVICEWOMEN.

WHEREAS, New Mexico's servicewomen and women veterans
have answered the call to serve and have done so with great
sacrifice and dedication throughout the history of our state
and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States congress has unanimously
passed legislation authorizing the construction of a living
memorial to honor the two million women veterans and the four
hundred thousand women in active military service, the
reserves and the national guard, as well as those who will
serve in the future; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately ten thousand five

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1 hundred women veterans currently residing in the state who
2 will be recognized in this national memorial; and

3 WHEREAS, the women's memorial will house a register,
4 making it possible for all servicewomen to have a permanent,
5 visible place in America's history, and will serve to
6 illustrate women's partnership with men in the defense of our
7 nation;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico veterans' service
10 commission be asked to coordinate donations so as to purchase
11 a plaque at the women in military service for America memorial
12 at Arlington national cemetery to honor New Mexico's
13 servicewomen and women veterans.