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HOUSE MEMORIAL 54

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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A MEMORIAL

DEMONSTRATING SUPPORT OF THE STATE VETERANS CEMETERY PROGRAM AS
PROPOSED BY THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, Eddy county is well known for its support of and
respect for veterans, the importance of veterans to the fabric
of American society and the sacrifices veterans make for all
Americans; and

WHEREAS, Eddy county has the tenth-largest veteran
population in the state, numbering about four thousand three
hundred veterans; and

WHEREAS, Carlsbad, the county seat of Eddy county, has a
long military history, specifically the forced participation of
many Carlsbad residents in the Bataan Death March; and

WHEREAS, Carlsbad was home to the Carlsbad army air field,
which played a vital role in the World War II war effort; and

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1 WHEREAS, it is the stated desire of the United States
2 department of veterans affairs to provide a burial site for
3 every veteran in a veterans cemetery that is within
4 seventy-five miles of the home of the veteran; and

5 WHEREAS, there is no veterans cemetery within one hundred
6 sixty-five miles of Carlsbad, and no veterans cemetery in New
7 Mexico within two hundred sixty-five miles of Carlsbad; and

8 WHEREAS, there are large expanses of New Mexico, in Eddy
9 county and the Carlsbad region, that are underserved by
10 appropriate veterans cemeteries; and

11 WHEREAS, the veterans' services department has done
12 preliminary site surveys at eleven statewide locations,
13 including in Carlsbad; and

14 WHEREAS, the dedication to this effort leaves no doubt
15 that the needs of all New Mexico veterans will be met by a
16 state-supported state veterans cemetery program;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state
19 veterans cemetery program as proposed by the veterans' services
20 department be fully supported; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the city of Carlsbad, Eddy county, the governor,
23 the secretary of veterans' services, the United States
24 secretary of veterans affairs and the co-chairs of the New
25 Mexico legislative council.

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