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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 8, 2018 "LAS VEGAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND RECOGNIZING LAS VEGAS AS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

WHEREAS, Las Vegas was founded in 1835 as a Spanish land grant called Nuestra Senora de los Dolores de Las Vegas Grandes; and

WHEREAS, the Spanish settlers who founded the community had roots going back to the seventeenth century; and

WHEREAS, the acequia Madre in Las Vegas stands as a testament to one hundred fifty years of resourcefulness and ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas was a key rest stop, resupply point and protector of the Santa Fe trail, serving as a lifeline between the growing west and the eastern parts of the United States; and

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1 WHEREAS, Las Vegas remains "open for business"; and

2 WHEREAS, Las Vegas can be described as innovative and
3 unvarnished, having grit, courage and resolve, strength of
4 character, fortitude, determination, perseverance and
5 endurance; and

6 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is laying a strong foundation for
7 private-sector growth and the sustainability of small
8 businesses; and

9 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is committed to building a foundation
10 for economic growth; and

11 WHEREAS, Las Vegas' can-do attitude will help Las Vegas
12 move forward, find quality-of-life and economic solutions and
13 expand homegrown companies; and

14 WHEREAS, Las Vegas' authentic assets will remain its
15 cultural foundation and provide the horsepower to drive
16 tourism, new industry and growth; and

17 WHEREAS, Las Vegas offers a multitude of unique shopping,
18 dining, musical and cultural experiences and adventures; and

19 WHEREAS, Las Vegas continues to attract and maintain cool
20 historical characters, including the boxer Jack Johnson; El
21 Hermitano, who lived at Hermit's peak; and more popular
22 historical characters such as Doc Holliday, Billy the Kid,
23 Wyatt Earp and Jesse James; and

24 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county have more than
25 nine hundred buildings on the national register of historic

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1 places; and

2 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are unmatched as
3 an inviting and incredible tourist destination, with fine
4 historic hotels, authentic New Mexico character and easy access
5 to other local historic sites and outdoor recreation; and

6 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are beacons in
7 the land of enchantment; and

8 WHEREAS, aside from its historic and tourist attractions,
9 Las Vegas is home to many critical state institutions; and

10 WHEREAS, one such institution is the New Mexico behavioral
11 health institute at Las Vegas, the only state-owned and state-
12 operated psychiatric hospital, which provides critical medical
13 services to the state, including long-term nursing care for the
14 elderly and disabled; and

15 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is home to a wealth of knowledge with
16 five major educational institutions: New Mexico highlands
17 university, Luna community college, united world college, the
18 Las Vegas city public school district and the west Las Vegas
19 public school district; and

20 WHEREAS, these educational institutions are gems of the
21 city and crucibles of learning, teaching and discovery,
22 reaching far beyond northern New Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are committed to
24 the cultivation of growing film and technological economies;
25 and

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