

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY  
3 OF NEW MEXICO NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS.  
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5 WHEREAS, 2016 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the  
6 naval reserve officer training corps program, more commonly  
7 known as navy ROTC, at the university of New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, the navy ROTC program began in 1926, with six  
9 units established at the university of California at  
10 Berkeley, the Georgia institute of technology, Harvard  
11 university, Northwestern university, the university of  
12 Washington and Yale university; and

13 WHEREAS, the navy ROTC program was established to  
14 provide a broad base of citizens knowledgeable in the arts  
15 and sciences of naval warfare, and the program provided an  
16 opportunity for young men to undertake careers in the naval  
17 profession; and

18 WHEREAS, as part of the navy buildup prior to World  
19 War II, a decision was made to expand the navy ROTC program;  
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21 WHEREAS, in the spring of 1941, the university of  
22 New Mexico was selected as the location of one of the  
23 expansion units; and

24 WHEREAS, navy ROTC was chartered at the university of  
25 New Mexico on May 10, 1941 and was the first ROTC unit of any

1 United States military service established at the university;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's navy ROTC  
4 program has maintained the longest on-campus presence, with  
5 seventy-five continuous years as of June 27, 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, the mission of the navy ROTC unit at the  
7 university of New Mexico is to educate, train and commission  
8 officers in the United States navy and marine corps; and

9 WHEREAS, since 1941, over one thousand eight hundred  
10 navy and marine corps officers have been commissioned through  
11 the university's navy ROTC program; and

12 WHEREAS, officers trained at the university of  
13 New Mexico have served in World War II, the Korean conflict  
14 and the Vietnam conflict and in Operation Desert Storm, Iraq  
15 and Afghanistan; and

16 WHEREAS, navy ROTC soldiers continue to serve worldwide  
17 today;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition and congratulations be  
20 extended to the university of New Mexico's naval reserve  
21 officer training corps program on its seventy-fifth  
22 anniversary; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the commanding officer of the university of  
25 New Mexico's naval reserve officer training corps. \_\_\_\_\_