1 A MEMORIAL 2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 9, 2017 "MCKINLEY COUNTY/GALLUP DAY" IN 3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. 4 5 WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup are the 6 northwestern gateway to New Mexico; and 7 WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup reflect 8 the rich cultural, recreational and economic diversity of New 9 Mexico; and 10 WHEREAS, McKinley county has the greatest number of 11 Native American residents of any New Mexico county, is the 12 home of members of the Navajo Nation and the Pueblo of Zuni 13 and the site of one of the largest annual gatherings of 14 Native Americans, the intertribal Indian ceremonial; and 15 WHEREAS, this year, Gallup will host the ninety-sixth 16 annual intertribal Indian ceremonial; and 17 WHEREAS, McKinley county incorporates the continental 18 divide, which separates the watersheds of the Pacific and 19 Atlantic oceans; and 20 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup has a historic downtown and 21 is recognized as both a New Mexico mainstreet and an arts and 22 cultural district; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county boasts world-renowned adventure venues and trails, including the Zuni mountain trail system, the jewel of the southwest; and

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WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is known as the adventure capital of New Mexico and is recognized as the most patriotic small town in America; and

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is a center of commerce and, since the nineteenth century, has been recognized by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway as a heritage community for its importance along their transcontinental rail line;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2017 be designated "McKinley County/Gallup Day" in the house of representatives to honor and showcase the many facets of McKinley county and the city of Gallup; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the board of county commissioners of McKinley county and to the mayor and city council of the city of Gallup.

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