

A MEMORIAL

**SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES LATINO AND LATINA WORLD WAR II
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT AND ENCOURAGING NEW MEXICANS TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS, World War II was a major turning point for
United States Latinos and Latinas, changing the worldviews of
an entire generation; and**

**WHEREAS, World War II left few lives untouched, and
even those young men and women who were unable to join the
fighting forces would never be the same; and**

**WHEREAS, in the following years, these men and women
made astounding civil rights advancements in school
desegregation, in voting rights and in basic civil rights;
and**

**WHEREAS, powerful organizations grew out of this era,
including the American G. I. forum and the Mexican American
legal defense and educational fund; and**

**WHEREAS, while there have been a few excellent books
and articles that document these events, little attention has
been paid to the average Latino and Latina of the World War
II generation; and**

**WHEREAS, the United States Latino and Latina World War
II oral history project, based at the university of Texas at
Austin school of journalism, seeks to capture the stories of**

the average Latino and Latina of the World War II generation;
and

WHEREAS, the project is videotaping interviews with
these men and women throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the project will create an oral history
archive, a photographic archive, a web site, a general
interest book and a documentary film; and

WHEREAS, the project is seeking support from volunteers
and contributors and is seeking donations of World War II
memorabilia; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich history of World War II
experiences and much to contribute to the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United
States Latino and Latina World War II oral history project be
supported; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be
encouraged to participate in the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the United States Latino and Latina World War
II oral history project.