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1 Bataan death marchers and seven medal of honor recipients; and

2 WHEREAS, the city of Las Cruces, which is home to a
3 significant population of veterans and which lies in close
4 proximity to Fort Bliss, Biggs army field, White Sands missile
5 range and Holloman air force base, is a logical choice for a
6 New Mexico state veterans' museum; and

7 WHEREAS, Las Cruces is also home to New Mexico state
8 university, which could contribute its resources to the
9 consolidation of military artifacts that are now scattered
10 throughout the state and could assist with the establishment of
11 a New Mexico state veterans' museum; and

12 WHEREAS, the office of cultural affairs is the state
13 agency charged with oversight of state museums;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of cultural affairs, the
16 city of Las Cruces and New Mexico state university be requested
17 to collaborate on a proposal to establish a New Mexico state
18 veterans' museum in Las Cruces and report the results of their
19 efforts and their recommendations to the legislative finance
20 committee no later than October 1, 2003; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the state cultural affairs officer, the mayor of
23 the city of Las Cruces and the president of New Mexico state
24 university.