SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PROPERTY DONATED TO THE STATE THAT INCLUDES THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL IN COLFAX COUNTY TO BE DESIGNATED AS A STATE PARK.

WHEREAS, Section 16-2-11 NMSA 1978 requires legislative approval of any acquisition of land for state park purposes prior to the execution of a written agreement binding the state to an expenditure of funds; and

WHEREAS, the property that includes the Vietnam veterans memorial in Colfax county is in negotiations to be gifted to the state of New Mexico by the David Westphall veterans foundation; and

WHEREAS, the property to be gifted would meet the requirements for property to be used as a state park and is of historical importance to the citizens of the state; and

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WHEREAS, the David Westphall veterans foundation would like to continue to be involved in the funding and operations of the park through donations, fundraising efforts and volunteers to be coordinated through office spaces on the property if approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that when the property gifted by the David Westphall veterans foundation, including the Vietnam veterans memorial, becomes in possession of the state of New Mexico, the land be approved pursuant to Section 16-2-11 NMSA 1978 to become a state park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state parks division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department consult with the New Mexico veterans' service commission concerning the operations of the park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the David Westphall veterans foundation, the property control division of the general services department, the New Mexico veterans' service commission and the state parks division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department.

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