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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO LIMIT THE RELEASE
12 OF STUDENT INFORMATION TO MILITARY RECRUITERS IN PUBLIC HIGH
13 SCHOOLS.

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15 WHEREAS, while choosing to serve in any branch of the
16 military is a noble decision, many high school students, though
17 very bright, have barely developed their decision-making
18 skills; and

19 WHEREAS, serving in the military is always a life-altering
20 decision, and the risk of serving in the military is probably
21 too difficult for a seventeen- or eighteen-year-old to assess;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, losing one's life or a limb, or receiving a
24 permanent physical or mental injury, is a significant risk of
25 serving in the military, especially during times of military

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1 interventions; and

2 WHEREAS, the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
3 requires all schools receiving federal funds to turn over
4 information on students in their junior and senior years in
5 high school to military service and military school recruiters;
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7 WHEREAS, many schools provide these recruiters with
8 significant access to students for the purpose of convincing
9 the students to join the military, which, in some instances,
10 includes recruiters pulling students out of class; and

11 WHEREAS, many schools provide these recruiters with
12 offices or scheduled use of offices on campus for the purpose
13 of convincing the students to join the military; and

14 WHEREAS, many schools encourage these recruiters to place
15 posters and flyers around campuses and in counselors' offices;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, parents send their children to school to learn,
18 parents and their children expect that the information taught
19 in schools is correct and fairly presented and students expect
20 that everything offered in the school environment is safe,
21 correct and fairly presented; and

22 WHEREAS, the United States spends over three billion
23 dollars (\$3,000,000,000) each year selling people on joining a
24 military service;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department be
2 requested to require that each public high school:

3 A. notify each student and the student's parent or
4 guardian that the student has the option to request that the
5 student's name, address and telephone number not be released to
6 military recruiters without prior written consent of the
7 student's parent or guardian;

8 B. provide notice of this option during the first
9 week of the school year, or at the time of mid-year enrollment,
10 in an easily understood, written format in a language that the
11 student and parent or guardian can understand; and

12 C. include with the notice a form that the student,
13 parent or guardian may use to request that the high school not
14 release information on the student to military recruiters. A
15 copy of the form shall be retained by the school for the
16 duration of the student's enrollment at that school; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the secretary of public education.

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