

A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE MADE BY THE FOUR MAJOR ACTIVE DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO ALONG WITH THE RESERVE FORCE CAPABILITY OF THE NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is the home of four major department of defense military bases, including Cannon air force base in Clovis, Holloman air force base in Alamogordo, Kirtland air force base in Albuquerque and White Sands missile range near Las Cruces, and is also supported by the men and women of the New Mexico national guard, including the air national guard and army national guard; and

WHEREAS, the total economic impact within New Mexico of the four installations exceeds five billion dollars (\$5,000,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the installations have missions critical to the national defense of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the installations' major missions include tactical air, test and evaluation, research and development, special operations training, counterterrorism and other critical areas, along with a host of secondary missions; and

WHEREAS, the most important single element in these department of defense installations and the New Mexico national guard is people, whether uniformed men and women,

family members, civilians working for the individual armed forces, contractors and others associated with each military installation in the state, along with the New Mexico national guard men and women; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is known for its support of the military; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico recognizes that morale is a significant part of military readiness and desires to support the morale of those serving in the four major active defense installations in this state by this official recognition of their contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state of New Mexico recognize and appreciate the important and continuing contributions of the four major active military installations in our state, along with the contributions of the New Mexico national guard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state of New Mexico recognize and appreciate the people who work or live at those four department of defense military installations, along with the people of the New Mexico national guard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the commanders of Cannon air force base, Holloman air force base, Kirtland air force base and White Sands missile range, along with copies to the secretary of the

air force, the secretary of the army, the chief of the national guard bureau and the adjutant general of the state of New Mexico.