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**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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DECLARING MARCH 9, 2007 "LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO DAY" AT THE  
HOUSE OR REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Las Vegas, New Mexico, was established in 1835 on  
the Santa Fe trail after a group of settlers received a land  
grant from the Mexican government; and

WHEREAS, the railroad arrived in 1880 when it set up a  
maintenance and provisioning depot east of the old town and a  
"new town" was established; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas was one of the largest cities in the  
southwest and host to its own opera house, a college, a Harvey  
House hotel and a Carnegie library; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas hosted a reunion of Teddy Roosevelt's  
rough riders, the earliest recorded rodeo and many colorful  
western characters and events; and

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