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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT ALL NEW MEXICO STATE FLAGS FLOWN OUTSIDE OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF, AND WITH ESTEEMED RECOGNITION FOR, OUR FIGHTING MEN AND WOMEN OVERSEAS, AND THAT THEY REMAIN AT HALF-STAFF UNTIL THERE IS A DECLARATION OF A JUST PEACE.

WHEREAS, the United States has waged the war on terror for nearly five and one-half years; and

WHEREAS, in the course of this war, members of the United States armed forces have served throughout the world in many countries, including Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, twenty thousand armed forces personnel are currently serving in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the United States has been engaged within Iraq for nearly four years; and

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WHEREAS, one hundred thirty-five thousand armed forces personnel are now serving in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the president of the United States plans to deploy twenty-one thousand five hundred additional infantry personnel to Iraq within the next few months; and

WHEREAS, these men and women are fighting "a long war", serving with honor and bravery as they face numerous threats to their safety; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the armed forces cannot stand down until a just, lasting peace is achieved in Iraq and Afghanistan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all New Mexico state flags flown outside of state, county and municipal offices be flown at half-staff in honor of, and with esteemed recognition for, our fighting men and women overseas, especially those serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, and that they should remain at half-staff until there is a declaration of a just peace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the governor.

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