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A MEMORIAL

MARKING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE LAS VEGAS ARMORY.

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas national guard armory was built in 1907 and celebrates its centennial anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the national guard was federalized from among separate militias in the country just after the Spanish American War; and

WHEREAS, the federalizing of state militias into the national guard occurred only four years before the Las Vegas armory was built; and

WHEREAS, during World War I, the national guard made up forty percent of the United States divisions in France; and

WHEREAS, in World War II, the national guard comprised nineteen divisions; and

WHEREAS, in World War II, guard units from New Mexico

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1 participated across Europe from Africa to southern Italy, and
2 from the Maginot line to Munich, and many of the guardsmen from
3 New Mexico were among the soldiers who liberated concentration
4 camps; and

5 WHEREAS, in World War II, guardsmen from the Las Vegas
6 company F were in combat for five hundred eleven days and saw
7 some of the fiercest fighting and persevered with great
8 bravery; and

9 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas armory is an edifice that came to
10 stand for the importance and dignity of service in the national
11 guard;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
13 OF NEW MEXICO that it mark the importance of the Las Vegas
14 national guard armory centennial with a celebration and
15 increased awareness of the historic contributions to the
16 freedom of today's United States made by the men and women who
17 passed through the doors of the building; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico celebrate the
19 renovations of the century-old building as not only a memorial
20 to bravery but also a door to a future of multipurpose uses;
21 and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the governor, the mayor of Las Vegas and the
24 department of military affairs.