

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF THE F-117A NIGHTHAWK
3 AND DECLARING JANUARY 17, 2008 AS "STEALTH FIGHTER DAY" AT
4 THE LEGISLATURE.

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6 WHEREAS, United States military forces have used the
7 F-117A Nighthawk, also known as the "stealth fighter", in
8 every armed conflict since its unveiling in 1988, losing only
9 seven of the fifty-nine jets built, and will retire the
10 remaining fifty-two stealth fighters by the summer of 2008;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Holloman air force base has been home to the
13 stealth fighter since 1992 and the 49th fighter wing is the
14 only wing that operates the stealth fighter in combat; and

15 WHEREAS, the stealth fighter played a strategic role in
16 preventing any unnecessary loss of life during Operation Just
17 Cause in Panama and helped facilitate the surrender of Manuel
18 Noriega; and

19 WHEREAS, the stealth fighter participated in the longest
20 single-seat fighter mission in history, carrying 49th fighter
21 wing pilots from Holloman air force base to Kuwait during
22 Operation Desert Strike; and

23 WHEREAS, the stealth fighter played a significant role
24 in bringing about the negotiated cessation of North Korea's
25 nuclear arms program; and

1 WHEREAS, the stealth fighter has a long history of
2 protecting American soldiers, preventing unnecessary loss of
3 life and securing the safety of United States citizens;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 17, 2008 be proclaimed
6 "Stealth Fighter Day" in recognition of its great service to
7 this country; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the commanding officer of the 49th fighter
10 wing, the public affairs office at Holloman air force base and
11 the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation. _____

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