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SENATE MEMORIAL 17

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 12, 2009 TO BE "MCKINLEY COUNTY/GALLUP DAY" AT THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup are the northwestern gateway to New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup reflect the rich cultural, recreational and economic diversity of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county has the greatest number of Native American residents of any New Mexico county and is the home of the members of the Navajo Nation and the Pueblo of Zuni who reside in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county is the home of Red Rock park and of one of the largest gatherings of Native Americans, the annual intertribal Indian ceremonial; and

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1 WHEREAS, McKinley county incorporates the Continental
2 Divide, which separates the watersheds of the Pacific and
3 Atlantic oceans;

4 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is the home of the Gallup
5 national historic district; and

6 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is a center of commerce for
7 the members of the Navajo Nation and has been a corridor for
8 cross-country rail traffic since the nineteenth century;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
10 OF NEW MEXICO that February 12, 2009 be designated as "McKinley
11 County/Gallup Day" at the New Mexico senate to honor and
12 showcase the many facets of McKinley county and of the city of
13 Gallup; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the board of county commissioners of McKinley
16 county and to the mayor and city council of the city of Gallup.