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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO NAME THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IN  
SANTA CLARA AFTER REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS P. FOY.

WHEREAS, Representative Thomas P. Foy, a resident of  
Bayard, New Mexico, passed away on October 8, 2011 at the age  
of ninety-six; and

WHEREAS, Representative Foy, or Tom, as he was fondly  
known to family and friends, was born on October 19, 1914 in  
Silver City and grew up in Bayard, Santa Clara, Hurley and  
the mining district area; and

WHEREAS, Representative Foy proudly and honorably served  
his country, joining the 200th coast artillery battery of the  
New Mexico national guard in 1940; and

WHEREAS, Representative Foy was assigned to the  
Philippines in 1941 and was captured by the Japanese in April  
1942; and

WHEREAS, Representative Foy was a prisoner of war until  
1945, survived the Bataan death march and was decorated with  
the bronze star, the purple heart, the Asian pacific ribbon  
and the New Mexico distinguished service medal; and

WHEREAS, Representative Foy was a communicant of Our  
Lady of Fatima Catholic church, a member of the knights of  
Columbus, the knights of the holy sepulcher, the Bayard lions  
club, the Silver City moose lodge number 1718 and veterans of

1 foreign wars number 3347 and a life member of the Silver City  
2 elks lodge; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Foy opened his law practice in  
4 Bayard in 1946, was elected and served as the sixth judicial  
5 district attorney from 1949 to 1956, was a member of the New  
6 Mexico bar for seventy years and served as a board member and  
7 vice president of the New Mexico bar commission; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1970, Representative Foy was elected to the  
9 New Mexico house of representatives from district 39,  
10 comprising Grant and Hidalgo counties, serving fourteen terms  
11 until 1998; and

12 WHEREAS, he was the chair of the judiciary committee,  
13 the corporations and banks committee, the committee on equal  
14 rights and the courts, corrections and criminal justice  
15 committee; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Foy is remembered as a "true  
17 blue democrat" by former Representative Murray Ryan, a  
18 Republican, of district 38, which includes Grant, Luna and  
19 Sierra counties; and

20 WHEREAS, former Speaker of the House Raymond Sanchez  
21 recalls Representative Foy as a "beloved and respected member  
22 in the New Mexico house of representatives"; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Foy was the founder of the Grant  
24 county state bank, which provided loans and capital to  
25 residents; and

1           WHEREAS, Representative Foy was named citizen of the  
2 year in 1965 by the Silver City-Grant county chamber of  
3 commerce; and

4           WHEREAS, Representative Foy leaves the following  
5 philosophy by which he lived to his children, grandchildren  
6 and future generations of family:

7           "Get a good education, work hard, have a good moral  
8 compass to guide you and serve your fellow man. Accept  
9 responsibility for the good that you do as well as the  
10 mistakes that you make. Enjoy life."; and

11           WHEREAS, there is a national guard armory in  
12 Representative Foy's hometown of Santa Clara; and

13           WHEREAS, because he served in the military and  
14 contributed greatly to the community of Santa Clara, it is  
15 fitting that the armory be named after him;

16           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Governor Susana Martinez be  
18 requested to name the national guard armory in Santa Clara  
19 after Representative Thomas P. Foy; and

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to Governor Martinez and the family of  
22 Representative Thomas P. Foy. \_\_\_\_\_

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