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SENATE MEMORIAL 64

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF NEW MEXICO'S MILITARY
INSTALLATIONS.

WHEREAS, New Mexico's military installations, Cannon air
force base, Holloman air force base, Kirtland air force base
and White Sands missile range, play a vital role in our
national defense; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's military installations provide
significant economic benefits to the state and important
research and development programs that are essential to ensure
the prosperity and security of the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2007, Cannon air force base became
home to the 27th special operations wing, a mission that is
expected to include five thousand personnel and their families
and more than one hundred aircraft dedicated to special

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1 operations around the globe; and

2 WHEREAS, Cannon air force base provides a total economic
3 impact of over four hundred fifty million dollars
4 (\$450,000,000), with an estimated local job creation impact of
5 almost fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000); and

6 WHEREAS, Holloman air force base is home to the 49th
7 fighter wing, composed of two squadrons of mission-ready F-22
8 raptor fighter aircraft, and has also become home to the newest
9 unmanned aerial systems formal training unit in the air force;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Holloman air force base provides a total economic
12 impact of almost seven hundred million dollars (\$700,000,000)
13 and employs almost twelve thousand personnel; and

14 WHEREAS, Kirtland air force base is responsible for
15 multiple missions within the United States air force, including
16 the air force nuclear weapons center, the air force operational
17 test and evaluation center, the space development and test wing
18 and the air force research laboratory; and

19 WHEREAS, Kirtland air force base, the largest employer in
20 the state, has a total economic impact of almost eight billion
21 dollars (\$8,000,000,000), with an approximate local economic
22 impact of over four billion dollars (\$4,000,000,000); and

23 WHEREAS, White Sands missile range provides important
24 research, development and testing and evaluation for the United
25 States military, including missile development, directed energy

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1 and unmanned systems testing, and has an estimated economic
2 impact of over six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000);

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
4 OF NEW MEXICO that the importance of New Mexico's military
5 installations be recognized for the vital role they play in the
6 nation's national defense, the significant economic benefits
7 they bring to New Mexico and the essential research and
8 development they provide to ensure the prosperity and security
9 of the state and the nation; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 sent to Cannon air force base, Holloman air force base,
12 Kirtland air force base and White Sands missile range.