

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO RETAIN THE ROTC UNIT
AT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS, New Mexico state university is New Mexico's
land grant university and a Hispanic-serving institution; and

WHEREAS, the air force reserve officer training corps,
ROTC, program at New Mexico state university is one of the
oldest programs on campus and will celebrate its sixty-fifth
anniversary during the 2011-2012 academic year; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico state university air force ROTC
was in existence before the air force became an independent
service; and

WHEREAS, as the state's land grant university, New
Mexico state university has a rich history of preparing young
men and women to serve in the nation's military; and

WHEREAS, the presence of the air force ROTC program at
New Mexico state university is an important element in the
state's development of leaders for the nation's military; and

WHEREAS, the secretary of the air force intends to
disestablish and consolidate thirty-four programs, including
the reserve officer training corps program at New Mexico state
university;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary

of the air force be requested to continue the air force ROTC program at New Mexico state university; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives be requested to call upon the New Mexico congressional delegation, the United States department of defense and the United States air force to retain the presence of the air force ROTC program at New Mexico state university; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, the secretary of defense, the secretary of the air force and the board of regents of New Mexico state university.