

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 17, 2014 AS "MILITARY AND VETERANS' DAY" IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long history of military service by its residents, a service that dates back hundreds of years before statehood, when indigenous New Mexicans resisted the advancement of European settlers in the area; and

WHEREAS, after New Mexico became the forty-seventh state of the union, New Mexicans soon answered the call to arms when the nation recruited brave men and women to serve in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Cold War, the Vietnam Conflict, the Gulf War, the north Atlantic treaty organization intervention in the Bosnian War and the global war on terrorism after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, with four military installations located in New Mexico, and one hundred seventy-one thousand veterans and military retirees living in the state, military influence continues to remain a strong part of the state today; and

WHEREAS, the post-service care of current and former warriors and their families is an urgent and important priority, because the military community has earned this benefit through sacrifice and service to the United States; and

WHEREAS, gratitude is extended to the numerous veterans' service organizations in the state for the valuable services they provide in caring for the military community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 17, 2014 be declared "Military and Veterans' Day" in the house of representatives and that gratitude be extended to New Mexico's current and former military service members and to the veterans' service organizations for working in partnership with the state to serve these current and former heroes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the department of military affairs and to the veterans' services department.