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HOUSE MEMORIAL 108

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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A MEMORIAL

REMEMBERING AND HONORING MAJOR KEITH BUTLER.

WHEREAS, Keith Butler was born on August 3, 1957 in Portales; and

WHEREAS, Keith was a graduate of Artesia high school and lived in New Mexico until he joined the United States marine corps at age eighteen; and

WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged after four years in the marine corps, Major Butler attended eastern New Mexico university for two years; and

WHEREAS, Major Butler then enlisted in the United States army special forces as a green beret and served in that position for the remainder of his military career; and

WHEREAS, Major Butler completed the army's physician assistant program and received a bachelor's degree from the

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1 university of Nebraska and a master's degree from the  
2 university of Oklahoma; and

3 WHEREAS, Major Butler served in an elite unit as a medic  
4 and weapons specialist; and

5 WHEREAS, Major Butler served in most of the conflicts that  
6 have made recent headline history, including Panama, Honduras,  
7 Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan, and completed forty-four  
8 combined missions in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

9 WHEREAS, Major Butler was killed in action in Afghanistan  
10 on May 10, 2014;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that with gratitude,  
13 Major Keith Butler be remembered and honored for his ultimate  
14 sacrifice and for his thirty-six years of service to his  
15 country; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the family of Major Keith Butler.