

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE MARCH 29, 2016 AS "VIETNAM
3 VETERANS DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, the Vietnam veterans of New Mexico served their
6 country with honor and courage; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico had more soldiers per capita than
8 any other state who either enlisted or were drafted during
9 the Vietnam war; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico suffered three hundred ninety-nine
11 casualties during the Vietnam war; and

12 WHEREAS, thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines
13 and members of the coast guard returned home bearing wounds
14 and scars; and

15 WHEREAS, many more were burdened by the invisible wounds
16 of posttraumatic stress disorder, agent orange and memories
17 that will never fade; and

18 WHEREAS, many service members came home to be neglected
19 or to face treatment unbecoming their courageous and
20 honorable service; and

21 WHEREAS, Vietnam veterans have continued to pay a great
22 price for the freedom that all people enjoy; and

23 WHEREAS, many Vietnam veterans returned home to become
24 leaders in business, their communities and the political
25 arena and have continued to serve as examples of service to

1 others; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico owes a great debt to the veterans of
3 the Vietnam war;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor
6 be requested to declare March 29, 2016 as "Vietnam Veterans
7 Day" in New Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition be given to all
9 Vietnam veterans throughout New Mexico for their service to
10 their country; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of veterans'
13 services and the New Mexico president of Vietnam veterans of
14 America.

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