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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, many more were burdened by the invisible wounds
of posttraumatic stress disorder, agent orange and memories

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1 that will never fade; and

2 WHEREAS, many service members came home to be neglected or
3 to face treatment unbecoming their courageous and honorable
4 service; and

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

7 WHEREAS, many Vietnam veterans returned home to become
8 leaders in business, their communities and the political arena
9 and have continued to serve as examples of service to others;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico owes a great debt to the veterans of
12 the Vietnam war;

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

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition be given to all
18 Vietnam veterans throughout New Mexico for their service to
19 their country; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of veterans'
22 services and the New Mexico president of Vietnam veterans of
23 America.

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