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SENATE MEMORIAL 53

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1, 2016 "TONY REYNA DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, Tony Reyna was born February 1, 1916 in Taos, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was raised at the Pueblo of Taos, located in the Sangre de Cristo mountains of northern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was educated at the Taos Pueblo day school and the Santa Fe Indian school, and he graduated from Santa Fe high school in 1936; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was a member of the New Mexico army national guard and was mobilized for active military duty in the Philippines during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna is a Bataan death march survivor and endured three and one-half years of brutal captivity as a

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1 prisoner of war until he was liberated by American forces in
2 1945; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was a patient at the Letterman military
4 hospital in San Francisco, California, and the Bruns Army
5 hospital in Santa Fe before his return to settle in Taos; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna opened the Tony Reyna Indian shop in
7 1950 at the Pueblo of Taos, which has remained in continuous
8 operation to this day; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna has become a highly respected member of
10 the Pueblo of Taos governing body, beginning as secretary of
11 the governor's office in 1975, then serving as lieutenant
12 governor in 1977, as the Pueblo of Taos governor twice in 1982
13 and 1992 and as a lifetime member of the Taos Pueblo council;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna served as a police commissioner of the
16 town of Taos, as a member of the Taos municipal school district
17 board of education, as a trustee of the Millicent Rogers museum
18 and as a tribal judge at the Santa Fe Indian market; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna was named a Santa Fe living treasure in
20 1992, in recognition of a lifetime of service to the Pueblo of
21 Taos and its people, his community, his state and his country;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna is a New Mexico honored veteran who
24 served during times of peace and war; is a recognized leader of
25 the Pueblo of Taos; and is a community leader of the highest

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1 and most exemplary accomplishments who demonstrates his public
2 spirit and service to others; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna celebrates his one hundredth birthday
4 on February 1, 2016;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that February 1, 2016 be proclaimed "Tony Reyna
7 Day" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to Tony Reyna, the governor of the Pueblo of Taos
10 tribal council, the mayor of the town of Taos, the adjutant
11 general of the department of military affairs and the secretary
12 of Indian affairs department.