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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMY RESERVE TRAINING CORPS.

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the army reserve officer training corps program, more commonly known as army ROTC; and

WHEREAS, the story of army ROTC started as far back as 1819 when Captain Alden Partridge established a program of military instruction known as the American literary, scientific and military academy; and

WHEREAS, the official army ROTC program was born as a result of President Woodrow Wilson's signing of the National Defense Act on June 3, 1916, and the program has continually grown and evolved to meet the nation's demand for quality leaders; and

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1           WHEREAS, today, the program has grown to two hundred  
2 seventy-five programs located at colleges and universities  
3 throughout the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Guam and  
4 Puerto Rico, with an enrollment of more than thirty thousand  
5 participants; and

6           WHEREAS, army ROTC produces more than seventy percent of  
7 the second lieutenants who join the active army, the army  
8 national guard and the United States army reserve; and

9           WHEREAS, during the past one hundred years, the army ROTC  
10 has commissioned more than six hundred thousand officers,  
11 yielding such visionary leaders as Sam Walton, founder of  
12 Walmart; former Secretary of State Colin Powell; and Supreme  
13 Court Justice Samuel Alito; and

14           WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico army ROTC's mission  
15 is to partner with the university of New Mexico to recruit,  
16 educate, develop and commission fifteen officers of character  
17 for the United States army annually; and

18           WHEREAS, this goal is accomplished by recruiting scholar-  
19 athlete-leaders who are trained and educated with the best  
20 leader development program in the world; and

21           WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's army ROTC program  
22 has commissioned one hundred eighty-six officers since 1987;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, army ROTC graduates remain fully prepared to lead  
25 the forces to defend America's freedom in an increasingly

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1 complex world;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
3 OF NEW MEXICO that recognition and congratulations be extended  
4 to the army reserve officer training corps program on its one-  
5 hundredth anniversary; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the commanding officer of the university of New  
8 Mexico army reserve officer training corps.

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