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HOUSE MEMORIAL 53

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 22, 2017 "LAS VEGAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND RECOGNIZING LAS VEGAS AS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

WHEREAS, Las Vegas was founded in 1835 as a Spanish land grant called Nuestra Senora de los Dolores de Las Vegas Grandes; and

WHEREAS, the Spanish settlers who founded the community had roots going back to the seventeenth century; and

WHEREAS, the acequia Madre in Las Vegas stands as a testament to one hundred fifty years of resourcefulness and ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas was a key rest stop, resupply point and protector of the Santa Fe trail, serving as a lifeline between the growing west and the eastern parts of the United States; and

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1           WHEREAS, Las Vegas remains "open for business"; and

2           WHEREAS, Las Vegas can be described as innovative and  
3 unvarnished, having grit, courage and resolve, strength of  
4 character, fortitude, determination, perseverance and  
5 endurance; and

6           WHEREAS, Las Vegas is laying a strong foundation for  
7 private-sector growth and the sustainability of small  
8 businesses; and

9           WHEREAS, Las Vegas is committed to building a foundation  
10 for economic growth; and

11           WHEREAS, Las Vegas' can-do attitude will help Las Vegas  
12 move forward, find quality-of-life and economic solutions and  
13 expand homegrown companies; and

14           WHEREAS, Las Vegas' authentic assets will remain its  
15 cultural foundation and provide the horsepower to drive  
16 tourism, new industry and growth; and

17           WHEREAS, Las Vegas offers a multitude of unique shopping,  
18 dining, musical and cultural experiences and adventures; and

19           WHEREAS, Las Vegas continues to attract and maintain cool  
20 historical characters, including the boxer, Jack Johnson; El  
21 Hermitano, who lived at Hermit's peak; and more popular  
22 historical characters such as Doc Holliday, Billy the Kid,  
23 Wyatt Earp and Jesse James; and

24           WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county have more than  
25 nine hundred buildings on the national register of historic

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1 places; and

2 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are unmatched as  
3 an inviting and incredible tourist destination, with fine  
4 historic hotels, authentic New Mexico character and easy access  
5 to other local historic sites and outdoor recreation; and

6 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are beacons in  
7 the land of enchantment; and

8 WHEREAS, aside from its historic and tourist attractions,  
9 Las Vegas is home to many critical state institutions; and

10 WHEREAS, one such institution is the New Mexico behavioral  
11 health institute at Las Vegas, the only state-owned and state-  
12 operated psychiatric hospital, which provides critical medical  
13 services to the state, including long-term nursing care for the  
14 elderly and disabled; and

15 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is home to a wealth of knowledge with  
16 five major educational institutions: New Mexico highlands  
17 university, Luna community college, united world college, the  
18 Las Vegas city public school district and the west Las Vegas  
19 public school district; and

20 WHEREAS, these educational institutions are gems of the  
21 city and crucibles of learning, teaching and discovery,  
22 reaching far beyond northern New Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are committed to  
24 the cultivation of growing film and technological economies;  
25 and

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