1	HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 14
2	53rd legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - second session, 2018
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	PROCLAIMING JANUARY 24, 2018 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE
12	LEGISLATURE.
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14	WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its mining, ranching
15	and art communities, blend of Hispanic, Native American and
16	Anglo cultures, blue skies with three hundred sixty days of
17	sunshine, vast mountain landscapes and small-town atmosphere;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, Grant count is the gateway to the vast Gila
20	wilderness; and
21	WHEREAS, Grant county's largest city and the county seat,
22	Silver City, will celebrate its one-hundred-fortieth
23	anniversary in 2018; and
24	WHEREAS, Silver City is the only municipality in New
25	Mexico still operating under the territorial charter issued by
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the legislative assembly of the territory of New Mexico in
1878; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is the richest county for mining in New Mexico and home to more restaurants than fast food establishments; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico university, which will celebrate its one-hundred-twenty-fifth anniversary in 2018, and the world's foremost collections of ancient Mimbres pottery are displayed at the western New Mexico university museum; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history that includes prehistoric Native Americans, Chiricahua Apache and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and lawman Dan Tucker; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of the one-hundred-twenty-fifth United States colored infantry established Fort Bayard; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is honored as the home of many veterans, including members of New Mexico's two-hundredth coast artillery regiment, many of whom were subjected to the Bataan death march, including the late Representative Tom Foy; and

WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide trail, a national scenic trail, at six thousand to seven thousand feet, providing cool summers, as well as uninterrupted views of the Mexican border to the south; and

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1 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila, 2 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts national and international teams and boosts awareness and use 3 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway; and 4 WHEREAS, Grant county has many well-known festivals, 5 including the blues festival, clay festival, festival of the 6 written word and the Southwest print fiesta; and 7 WHEREAS, Grant county prospectors have celebrated "Grant 8 County Day" in Santa Fe for over forty years; 9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE 10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 24, 2018 be proclaimed "Grant 11 County Day" in the legislature; and 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the great people and great 13 places of Grant county be recognized; and 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be 15 transmitted to the members of the board of county commissioners 16 of Grant county. 17 - 3 -18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 .209837.1

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