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SENATE MEMORIAL 91

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 7, 2018 "GUADALUPE COUNTY DAY" IN THE
SENATE.

WHEREAS, the Pecos river flows through the hills, mesas
and rolling grassland of Guadalupe county; and

WHEREAS, creating a fertile oasis wherever it flows, the
Pecos river crosses the county from northwest to southeast
before flowing into Sumner lake just south of the Guadalupe-
DeBaca county line; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of Guadalupe county, from
the trails followed by Spanish settlers and Texas cattlemen to
the railroads and route 66, people have followed the path of
water; and

WHEREAS, in 1848, the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo brought
an official end to the Mexican War, with Mexico ceding its

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1 territories that were part of the American southwest; and

2 WHEREAS, under the compromise of 1850, the United States
3 congress granted statehood to California, and New Mexico became
4 a territory; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1891, Guadalupe county was created by the
6 territorial legislature, over the objections of territorial
7 governor L. Bradford Prince; and

8 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1893, Guadalupe county officially
9 came into existence, and the county seat was located in Puerto
10 de Luna; and

11 WHEREAS, Guadalupe county would share the name of the
12 virgin of Guadalupe, also known as the "patroness of the
13 Americas", with the treaty that ended the Mexican War; and

14 WHEREAS, Guadalupe county contains whole, or parts of,
15 several previous Spanish land grants, including the Aqua Negra,
16 Jose Perea, Anton Chico and Preston Beck land grants; and

17 WHEREAS, the railroad came to Santa Rosa in 1901 and
18 bypassed the county seat, Puerto de Luna, with Santa Rosa
19 quickly outpacing Puerto de Luna in population; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1903, Guadalupe county ceased to exist and was
21 renamed Leonard Wood county, with Santa Rosa becoming the new
22 county seat; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1905, the residents of Leonard Wood county
24 petitioned the territorial legislature, and the name of the
25 county was changed back to Guadalupe county; and

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1 WHEREAS, a courthouse for Guadalupe county was approved in
2 December 1908, and it took less than nine months to complete,
3 with the board of Guadalupe county commissioners inspecting the
4 completed project in August 1909; and

5 WHEREAS, Guadalupe county residents helped New Mexico
6 celebrate statehood with a ceremony held on July 4, 1912 on the
7 courthouse grounds, and it was truly a gala day in Santa Rosa;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, because a state law prohibited the expenditure of
10 funds for the remodeling of courthouses, Guadalupe county built
11 a new courthouse, which was dedicated on September 21, 1948;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, in 2009, the centennial of the old courthouse was
14 celebrated in a newly remodeled courthouse complex that
15 included the old courthouse and the new courthouse; and

16 WHEREAS, the new courthouse complex was completely
17 landscaped with a sodded lawn surrounding both courthouses;
18 trees were transplanted; and a new gazebo was built on the
19 southeast corner of the complex; and

20 WHEREAS, a centennial dedication ceremony was held in
21 downtown Santa Rosa on September 19, 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, the Guadalupe county correctional facility is
23 located on the outskirts of Santa Rosa, providing local jobs
24 and bolstering the economy; and

25 WHEREAS, today, Guadalupe county is a popular recreational

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1 area with many spring-fed lakes offering fishing, scuba diving
2 and many other popular recreational activities; and

3 WHEREAS, residents maintain a strong sense of civic pride
4 and appreciation of Guadalupe county;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that February 7, 2018 be declared "Guadalupe
7 County Day" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the board of county commissioners of Guadalupe
10 county.