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HOUSE MEMORIAL 19

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A MEMORIAL

URGING GOVERNOR MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM TO WITHDRAW NEW MEXICO
NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO BORDER.

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2018, President Donald Trump signed a
proclamation for the deployment of more than two thousand
national guard troops along the United States border with
Mexico in a bid to cut down on illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, the deployment was in response to a caravan of
thousands of migrants approaching the border from Central
America; and

WHEREAS, the president made fear about immigrants a major
theme during his 2016 election campaign, stating that the
United States was being infiltrated by illegal immigrants
"pouring across the border"; and

WHEREAS, in April 2018, at the request of the president,

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1 then-governor Susana Martinez deployed eighty soldiers from the
2 New Mexico national guard to the border and additional
3 deployments were later made; and

4 WHEREAS, in June 2018, Maryland's governor pulled his
5 state's national guard troops from border deployment over
6 criticism of the federal government's practice of separating
7 undocumented parents from their children; and

8 WHEREAS, other states with national guard troops stationed
9 at the border are considering withdrawal of troops as well; and

10 WHEREAS, on January 11, 2019, Governor Michelle Lujan
11 Grisham visited the border at Santa Teresa, New Mexico, to form
12 her own impressions and gather information about New Mexico
13 national guard troops stationed on the border; and

14 WHEREAS, Governor Lujan Grisham is currently considering
15 whether to withdraw New Mexico national guard troops from the
16 border; and

17 WHEREAS, Governor Lujan Grisham has suggested that New
18 Mexico national guard resources could be better spent
19 elsewhere; and

20 WHEREAS, as of January 25, 2019, ninety-three New Mexico
21 national guard troops are still deployed on the United States
22 border with Mexico;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Governor
25 Michelle Lujan Grisham be urged to withdraw New Mexico national

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1 guard troops from the United States border with Mexico; and
2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the governor.

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