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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 7, 2019 "A CALL TO PRAYER FOR AMERICA DAY" IN  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States,  
citizens have drawn strength, hope and guidance from prayer;  
and

WHEREAS, from the very first continental congress, through  
every form of adversity and blessing, Americans have fallen to  
their knees and implored God Almighty to protect their families  
and to heal their land; and

WHEREAS, the freedom upon which America was founded  
affords the right to any individual to decline to pray if he or  
she so desires; and

WHEREAS, however, the same freedom allows those who  
believe in the power of prayer to utilize that great

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1 opportunity to ask God to bless and sustain the nation; and

2 WHEREAS, the freedom is not diminished merely because  
3 someone is elected to public office; and

4 WHEREAS, to quite the contrary, the cloak of authority  
5 placed upon the shoulders of a public servant should be an  
6 inspiration for those who believe in the power of prayer, and  
7 it should be an inspiration to use that great power to ask God  
8 to bless and sustain the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, in early 2005, a small group of members of the  
10 United States house of representatives began meeting in the  
11 United States capitol to pray for the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, soon thereafter, these members formed the  
13 congressional prayer caucus to vigilantly watch and to protect  
14 the right of individuals to pray in America; and

15 WHEREAS, their vision for the caucus inspired the members  
16 to form the congressional prayer caucus foundation,  
17 incorporated, which is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization  
18 designed to support the call of America back to prayer; and

19 WHEREAS, on March 7, 2015, members of congress and state  
20 legislatures across America gathered for the purpose of calling  
21 the nation back to prayer, and they realized the need for  
22 America to turn back to God and prayer, not for a single day or  
23 month, but to pray "without ceasing"; and

24 WHEREAS, accordingly, a "call to prayer for America" is  
25 respectfully and humbly issued with an invitation to join in

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1 the call and to pray for God's continued blessing on the United  
2 States; and

3 WHEREAS, there is a sincere belief that God will hear the  
4 prayers of His people and will heal the land;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 7, 2019  
7 be declared "A Call to Prayer for America Day"; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the congressional prayer caucus foundation,  
10 incorporated.