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54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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A MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO
PROVIDE MEDICAL TREATMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR DEPORTED
VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

WHEREAS, according to the American civil liberties union,
at least two hundred thirty-nine veterans of the United States
armed forces have been deported to at least thirty-four
countries; and

WHEREAS, those who have honorably served our country have
been denied medical treatment and other benefits from the
United States department of veterans affairs; and

WHEREAS, veterans who are deported and who were not seen
by a United States department of veterans affairs health care
provider for evaluation are not allowed to file a claim for
disability or other benefits; and

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1 WHEREAS, veterans who would otherwise seek treatment for
2 posttraumatic stress disorder or other service-related injuries
3 are denied approval unless they are about to die; and

4 WHEREAS, deported veterans have in fact died waiting for
5 approval for medical treatment; and

6 WHEREAS, these men and women have served in the United
7 States armed forces and have earned the right to receive
8 medical treatment and benefits;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United
11 States congress be requested to enact legislation to provide
12 medical treatment and other benefits for all veterans of the
13 United States armed forces, including those who have been
14 deported; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the president of the United States senate, the
17 speaker of the United States house of representatives, the
18 United States department of defense, the United States
19 department of veterans affairs, the secretary of veterans'
20 services and New Mexico's congressional delegation.