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**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE BRONCOS FOR  
WINNING THE NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
DIVISION ONE NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico military institute broncos  
captured the national junior college athletic association  
division one national football championship on December 17,  
2021 at War Memorial stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, under first-year head coach and former New Mexico  
military institute player Kurt Taufasau, the broncos scored a  
thirty-one to thirteen victory over number-one-ranked Iowa  
western, capturing the broncos' first national football title;  
and

WHEREAS, led by running back Anthony Grant and quarterback  
Diego Pavia, the broncos secured a twenty-four to zero halftime

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1 lead; and

2 WHEREAS, the New Mexico military institute defense forced  
3 three turnovers, including two fumble recoveries by Christian  
4 Carreathers and Hunter Chambers and an interception by Jayden  
5 Oliver; and

6 WHEREAS, the broncos took a fourteen to zero lead in the  
7 first quarter, with Anthony Grant scoring on a twenty-three  
8 yard run, Diego Pavia running in from thirty-four yards and  
9 William Testa kicking the extra points after the touchdowns;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, William Testa booted a twenty-four yard field  
12 goal and, with forty seconds remaining before halftime,  
13 Terrence Moore scored on a sixteen-yard touchdown pass from  
14 Diego Pavia, followed by William Testa's extra point, bringing  
15 the score to twenty-four to zero; and

16 WHEREAS, in the third quarter, Anthony Grant caught a  
17 four-yard touchdown pass from Diego Pavia, and William Testa  
18 scored the point after the touchdown for a thirty-one to zero  
19 lead; and

20 WHEREAS, Iowa western scored two touchdowns and one point  
21 after a touchdown in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough  
22 to tarnish the broncos' victory;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico  
25 military institute broncos be recognized for winning the

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1 national junior college athletic association division one  
2 national football championship; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to New Mexico military institute head coach Kurt  
5 Taufa'asau and to the members of the New Mexico military  
6 institute's national championship team.