

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 71

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DIRECTING THE NEW MEXICO VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION TO
INVESTIGATE THE PROPER PROCEDURES AND PURSUE THE DEDICATION OF
THE MILITARY CEMETERY IN FORT STANTON AS AN OFFICIAL ALTERNATE
RESTING SITE FOR THE BURIAL OF VETERANS.

WHEREAS, as we come to the end of the twentieth century,
our nation's military cemeteries are increasingly filled to
capacity with the nation's war heroes; and

WHEREAS, in New Mexico, many war veterans choose to be
buried at the Santa Fe national cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe national cemetery has been forced
to continually expand to accommodate these needs; and

WHEREAS, in the southern part of the state, Fort Stanton
has increasingly been utilized as the final resting place for
many veterans, a role that the merchant marine and military

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1 memorial cemetery at Ft. Stanton has filled for nearly one
2 hundred years; and

3 WHEREAS, given the role this cemetery has played in the
4 lives of so many veterans, it should be officially designated
5 as a national cemetery;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico veterans' service
8 commission investigate the proper procedures and pursue the
9 designation of the merchant marine and military memorial
10 cemetery at Ft. Stanton as a national cemetery and alternate
11 resting place for New Mexico veterans; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the New Mexico veterans' service commission and
14 members of New Mexico's congressional delegation.

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

17 Respectfully submitted,

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22 Gary K. King, Chairman
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4 Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

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8 Date _____

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10 The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 8

12 Excused: Pederson, Rios

13 Absent: None

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