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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 17

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

INTRODUCED BY

JOHN ARTHUR SMITH

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE PARKS DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT IN COOPERATION WITH THE NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PRE-WORLD WAR I MILITARY EQUIPMENT DISPLAY AT THE PANCHO VILLA STATE PARK IN COLUMBUS IN LUNA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, on March 9, 1916 Pancho Villa and more than six hundred villistas raided Columbus and the United States army's Camp Furlong; and

WHEREAS, eight soldiers, ten civilians and more than two hundred villistas lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, the villistas were pursued by General John J. "Blackjack" Pershing in a punitive expedition into Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the punitive expedition was instrumental in

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1 preparing United States troops for entry into World War I and
2 involved the first combat use of aircraft and various other
3 mechanized equipment; and

4 WHEREAS, local historians have located examples of the
5 aircraft, military vehicles and equipment used in the punitive
6 expedition which may be available for display in an
7 appropriately designed facility;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state parks division of the
10 energy, minerals and natural resources department, with the
11 cooperation of the New Mexico national guard and other
12 interested parties, determine which appropriate pre-World War
13 I military equipment of the type used during the punitive
14 expedition is available by donation or purchase, and the
15 approximate cost of acquisition, restoration and display
16 within Pancho Villa state park; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state parks division of
18 the energy, minerals and natural resources department and the
19 New Mexico national guard report their findings to the
20 legislative finance committee by November 1, 1998; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 sent to the director of the state parks division of the
23 energy, minerals and natural resources department and the
24 commandant of the New Mexico national guard.

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
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18 Respectfully submitted,

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

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Excused: Aragon, Campos

Absent: None

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8 **Mr. Speaker:**
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15 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**
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22 **Edward C. Sandoval, Chairman**
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The roll call vote was 7 For 1 Against

Yes: 7

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Excused: Bird, Buffett, Lutz, Sanchez

Absent: None

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