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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 20**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**ENCOURAGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO USE  
VETERANS' DAY FOR TEACHERS' IN-SERVICE TRAINING WHILE  
PROVIDING STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR  
THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY.**

**WHEREAS, millions of Americans have served in the United  
States military and hundreds of thousands have died while  
serving; and**

**WHEREAS, the elimination of the draft for military  
service has meant that fewer Americans have a family member  
who has been a member of the military; and**

**WHEREAS, November 11 is a legal public holiday in New  
Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, students must often attend school on Veterans'  
day to ensure that the school year consists of at least one**

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1 hundred eighty instructional days; and

2 WHEREAS, teachers receive technical assistance and  
3 professional development through in-service training; and

4 WHEREAS, permitting students to enjoy Veterans' day with  
5 family and friends can instill a renewed sense of patriotism  
6 as well as provide an educational opportunity to understand  
7 and recognize the contributions of this country's veterans;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the local  
10 school boards of the state be encouraged to have their  
11 respective school districts schedule in-service training on  
12 Veterans' day when it falls on a school day to allow students  
13 the opportunity to celebrate a day honoring those who have  
14 served in the military; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local school boards of  
16 the state be encouraged, in the time leading up to Veterans'  
17 day, to have school districts provide educational information  
18 and activities that demonstrate the contributions of our  
19 country's veterans; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to all the local school boards of the state.