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A MEMORIAL

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REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN

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INTERIM VETERANS' AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

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WHEREAS, there are approximately two hundred thousand veterans of the United States armed forces and the New Mexico national guard who reside in this state; and

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WHEREAS, veterans' affairs is a key policy issue for the legislature; and

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WHEREAS, more than one hundred bills related to veterans' issues have been introduced in the first session of the forty-seventh legislature; and

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WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes an overdue need to focus on veterans' affairs; and

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coordinate legislative initiatives related to veterans'

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affairs;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico

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legislative council be requested to create an interim veterans'

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affairs oversight committee to work with the veterans' services

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department, the department of military affairs and related

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agencies to:

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A. review the functions of state agencies and

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tribal entities involved in providing services to veterans to

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determine if the present division of responsibilities for

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veterans' affairs among state agencies and tribal entities can

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be improved for greater efficiency;

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B. review state statutes related to veterans' and

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military affairs for consistency and potential conflict;

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C. review the needs of veterans and the services

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provided by federal, state and tribal governments to determine

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if veterans' needs are being appropriately met; and

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D. make recommendations for legislative initiatives

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to address the findings of the committee; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the veterans' affairs

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oversight committee develop recommendations by November 30,

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2005 to assist the veterans' services department in formulating

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legislative proposals necessary to implement its

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recommendations; and

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transmitted to the secretary of veterans' services, the
adjutant general of the department of military affairs and the
co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council.

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