

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 9, 2007 "LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Las Vegas, New Mexico, was established in 1835 on the Santa Fe trail after a group of settlers received a land grant from the Mexican government; and

WHEREAS, the railroad arrived in 1880 when it set up a maintenance and provisioning depot east of the old town and a "new town" was established; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas was one of the largest cities in the southwest and host to its own opera house, a college, a Harvey House hotel and a Carnegie library; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas hosted a reunion of Teddy Roosevelt's rough riders, the earliest recorded rodeo and many colorful western characters and events; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas is a city rich with history and tradition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 9, 2007 be declared "Las Vegas, New Mexico Day" at the house of representatives.