

1 A MEMORIAL
2 MARKING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE LAS VEGAS ARMORY.

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4 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas national guard armory was built
5 in 1907 and celebrates its centennial anniversary this year;
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7 WHEREAS, the national guard was federalized from among
8 separate militias in the country just after the Spanish
9 American War; and

10 WHEREAS, the federalizing of state militias into the
11 national guard occurred only four years before the Las Vegas
12 armory was built; and

13 WHEREAS, during World War I, the national guard made up
14 forty percent of the United States divisions in France; and

15 WHEREAS, in World War II, the national guard comprised
16 nineteen divisions; and

17 WHEREAS, in World War II, guard units from New Mexico
18 participated across Europe from Africa to southern Italy, and
19 from the Maginot line to Munich, and many of the guardsmen
20 from New Mexico were among the soldiers who liberated
21 concentration camps; and

22 WHEREAS, in World War II, guardsmen from the Las Vegas
23 company F were in combat for five hundred eleven days and saw
24 some of the fiercest fighting and persevered with great
25 bravery; and

1 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas armory is an edifice that came to
2 stand for the importance and dignity of service in the
3 national guard;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it mark the importance of the Las
6 Vegas national guard armory centennial with a celebration and
7 increased awareness of the historic contributions to the
8 freedom of today's United States made by the men and women
9 who passed through the doors of the building; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico celebrate the
11 renovations of the century-old building as not only a
12 memorial to bravery but also a door to a future of
13 multipurpose uses; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the governor, the mayor of Las Vegas and the
16 department of military affairs.

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