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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 14, 2010 "SANTA FE FOUR HUNDREDTH
ANNIVERSARY DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
COMMEMORATING THE MORE THAN FOUR-HUNDRED-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
THE SETTLEMENT AND FOUNDING OF SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, before 1598, the pueblo people of the Rio Grande
region of New Mexico had inhabited the area now known as Santa
Fe; and

WHEREAS, from the first arrival of New Mexico's Spanish
colonists in August 1598, the pueblo people of the Rio Grande
and adjoining regions of New Mexico provided support and
sustenance to those colonists who persevered at San Gabriel del
Yunque, the first capital of New Mexico, located in the pueblo
lands of Ohkay Owingeh; and

WHEREAS, before 1610, there existed a small settlement of
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1 Spanish colonists in the area now known as Santa Fe; and

2 WHEREAS, on March 30, 1609, the viceroy of New Spain, Luis
3 de Velasco II, upon the royal proclamation by the King of
4 Spain, Philip III, ordered Governor Pedro de Peralta to arrive
5 in New Mexico before the end of 1609 and establish a villa at
6 the site of what is now Santa Fe; and

7 WHEREAS, by 1610, Governor Peralta had established the
8 villa at the site of what is now Santa Fe; and

9 WHEREAS, communal relations between the two peoples
10 provided a pool for intermarriage, trade, defense and labor,
11 both willing and unwilling; and

12 WHEREAS, the Spanish colonists and the pueblo people
13 engaged in a two-way exchange of knowledge and cultural
14 folkways that would be mutually advantageous for both peoples;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, seventy years following the establishment of the
17 villa of Santa Fe, the pueblo people took up arms and forced
18 the inhabitants of the villa to retreat to El Paso del Norte;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, in 1692, the Spanish colonists began a return to
21 the villa, which resulted in an armed conflict lasting through
22 1696; and

23 WHEREAS, following the repopulation of Santa Fe, the
24 pueblo people found ways to protect their culture while
25 adapting to the Spanish form of government and continuing the

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1 process of mutual cultural interchange and support; and

2 WHEREAS, over the following years and into the twenty-
3 first century, despite intermittent disputes, the colonists and
4 their descendants, many of whom were and are tied by blood to
5 the pueblo people and other surrounding Native American tribes,
6 formed alliances and accommodated each other's cultures, which
7 allowed Santa Fe to flourish; and

8 WHEREAS, the peaceful acceptance of each other's cultures
9 continued after the United States' conquest of New Mexico in
10 1846, contributing to the evolution of Santa Fe's cultural
11 heritage; and

12 WHEREAS, during 2010, Santa Fe will proudly observe the
13 four-hundred-year anniversary of its settlement as a villa and
14 its multicultural heritage with suitable events and observances
15 by the residents of Santa Fe to commemorate its first four
16 hundred years and to pass on to future generations the heritage
17 of Santa Fe and the surrounding region; and

18 WHEREAS, it is important that the commemoration provide a
19 foundation for healing the past and opening the way for a
20 permanent reconciliation between the descendants of Santa Fe's
21 Spanish colonists and the pueblo peoples as well as the
22 descendants of all of the other Santa Fe settlers who have
23 contributed to Santa Fe's multicultural heritage;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 14,

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1 2010 be declared "Santa Fe Four Hundredth Anniversary Day" at
2 the house of representatives and that congratulations be
3 expressed to the residents of Santa Fe and gratitude be
4 expressed to the surrounding pueblo communities for the
5 commemoration of the four-hundred-year establishment of Santa
6 Fe as a villa; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pueblo people and the
8 residents of Santa Fe be invited and encouraged to participate
9 in ceremonies of reconciliation and mutual recognition in
10 furtherance of the more than four-hundred-year history of Santa
11 Fe; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the mayor and city council of the city of Santa
14 Fe and to the governors and tribal councils of all the pueblos
15 of New Mexico and to the other surrounding Native American
16 tribes.