

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 26, 2012 TO BE "MCKINLEY COUNTY/GALLUP  
3 DAY" AT THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup are the  
6 northwestern gateway to New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup reflect  
8 the rich cultural, recreational and economic diversity of  
9 New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, McKinley county has the greatest number of  
11 Native American residents of any New Mexico county and is the  
12 home of the members of the Navajo Nation and the Pueblo of  
13 Zuni who reside in New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, McKinley county is the home of Red Rock park  
15 and of one of the largest gatherings of Native Americans, the  
16 annual intertribal Indian ceremonial; and

17 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup has a long history in  
18 support of civil rights, opposing discrimination against its  
19 African-American residents before the civil rights movement  
20 and successfully opposing the internment of eight hundred  
21 Japanese-Americans during World War II; and

22 WHEREAS, McKinley county incorporates the continental  
23 divide, which separates the watersheds of the Pacific and  
24 Atlantic oceans; and

25 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is the home of the Gallup

1 national historic district; and

2 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is a center of commerce for  
3 the members of the Navajo Nation and has been a corridor for  
4 cross-country rail traffic since the nineteenth century;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 26, 2012 be designated as  
7 "McKinley County/Gallup Day" at the senate to honor and  
8 showcase the many facets of McKinley county and of the city  
9 of Gallup; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
11 transmitted to the board of county commissioners of McKinley  
12 county and to the mayor and city council of the city of  
13 Gallup.

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