

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 19

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO NAME THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IN
12 SANTA CLARA AFTER REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS P. FOY.

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14 WHEREAS, Representative Thomas P. Foy, a resident of
15 Bayard, New Mexico, passed away on October 8, 2011 at the age
16 of ninety-six; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Foy, or Tom, as he was fondly
18 known to family and friends, was born on October 19, 1914 in
19 Silver City and grew up in Bayard, Santa Clara, Hurley and the
20 mining district area; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Foy proudly and honorably served
22 his country, joining the 200th coast artillery battery of the
23 New Mexico national guard in 1940; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Foy was assigned to the
25 Philippines in 1941 and was captured by the Japanese in April

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1 1942; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Foy was a prisoner of war until
3 1945, survived the Bataan death march and was decorated with
4 the bronze star, the purple heart, the Asian pacific ribbon and
5 the New Mexico distinguished service medal; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Foy was a communicant of Our Lady
7 of Fatima Catholic church, a member of the knights of Columbus,
8 the knights of the holy sepulcher, the Bayard lions club, the
9 Silver City moose lodge number 1718 and veterans of foreign
10 wars number 3347 and a life member of the Silver City elks
11 lodge; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Foy opened his law practice in
13 Bayard in 1946, was elected and served as the sixth judicial
14 district attorney from 1949 to 1956, was a member of the New
15 Mexico bar for seventy years and served as a board member and
16 vice president of the New Mexico bar commission; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1970, Representative Foy was elected to the
18 New Mexico house of representatives from district 39,
19 comprising Grant and Hidalgo counties, serving fourteen terms
20 until 1998; and

21 WHEREAS, he was the chair of the judiciary committee, the
22 corporations and banks committee, the committee on equal rights
23 and the courts, corrections and criminal justice committee; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Foy is remembered as a "true blue
25 democrat" by former Representative Murray Ryan, a Republican,

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1 of district 38, which includes Grant, Luna and Sierra counties;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, former Speaker of the House Raymond Sanchez
4 recalls Representative Foy as a "beloved and respected member
5 in the New Mexico house of representatives"; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Foy was the founder of the Grant
7 county state bank, which provided loans and capital to
8 residents; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Foy was named citizen of the year
10 in 1965 by the Silver City-Grant county chamber of commerce;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Foy leaves the following
13 philosophy by which he lived to his children, grandchildren and
14 future generations of family:

15 "Get a good education, work hard, have a good moral
16 compass to guide you and serve your fellow man. Accept
17 responsibility for the good that you do as well as the mistakes
18 that you make. Enjoy life."; and

19 WHEREAS, there is a national guard armory in
20 Representative Foy's hometown of Santa Clara; and

21 WHEREAS, because he served in the military and contributed
22 greatly to the community of Santa Clara, it is fitting that the
23 armory be named after him;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Governor Susana Martinez be requested

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1 to name the national guard armory in Santa Clara after
2 Representative Thomas P. Foy; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to Governor Martinez and the family of
5 Representative Thomas P. Foy.

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