

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 36

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

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 30, 2012 "CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DAY IN THE
12 LEGISLATURE"; RECOGNIZING ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF STATEHOOD AND
13 WISHING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

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15 WHEREAS, on January 6, 1912, President William H. Taft
16 signed the bill making New Mexico the forty-seventh state
17 admitted into the union; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico's first state governor, William C.
19 McDonald, was also inaugurated on January 6, 1912; and

20 WHEREAS, the first state legislative session was held in
21 Santa Fe in 1912, during which Roman L. Baca was elected as
22 speaker of the house of representatives, making him the first
23 Hispanic elected in the United States to serve as a speaker of
24 the house; and

25 WHEREAS, the New Mexico house of representatives was

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1 called to order on the first day of the 2012 legislative
2 session by Speaker Ben Lujan, using the same gavel used one
3 hundred years earlier by Roman L. Baca, a reminder that one
4 never has to travel far to be close to a piece of history in
5 New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the 1912 legislative session considered bills
7 discussing teacher salaries, regulation of investments, land
8 grant recovery and the management of New Mexico's limited water
9 resources; and

10 WHEREAS, bills addressing teacher salaries, regulation of
11 investments, land grant recovery and the management of New
12 Mexico's limited water resources have been introduced in the
13 2012 legislative session; and

14 WHEREAS, New Mexico has established itself as a state of
15 stability and versatility, a state that values history and
16 tradition while embracing change and looking to the future; and

17 WHEREAS, during its first hundred years of statehood, New
18 Mexico has distinguished itself as a leader in scientific
19 research, a destination for tourists from around the world and
20 home for several vibrant cultures that somehow manage to live
21 in harmony with one another; and

22 WHEREAS, during this first one hundred years of statehood,
23 New Mexico has served as the birthplace of the first atomic
24 bomb as well as the first green chile cheeseburger; and

25 WHEREAS, New Mexicans take pride in the past one hundred

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1 years of their art, culture, diversity and history and in their
2 beautiful landscape; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico is known for doing things in a unique
4 way, because a one-of-a-kind state must alter popular methods
5 in order to address the particular needs of its dynamic
6 citizenry; and

7 WHEREAS, many dedicated New Mexicans have already taken
8 time to acknowledge the statehood centennial; and

9 WHEREAS, the New Mexico history museum has developed a
10 centennial exhibit, complete with a United States flag that has
11 only forty-seven stars, lectures and photograph and poster
12 contests; and

13 WHEREAS, communities from Raton to Lordsburg, from
14 Farmington to Jal, and from the Navajo Nation to the Mescalero
15 Apache reservation are holding events throughout the year to
16 commemorate one hundred years of statehood; and

17 WHEREAS, one hundred years from now, New Mexico will
18 continue to embody the ideals on which the state was founded,
19 and New Mexicans will once again celebrate the uniqueness and
20 traditionally rich heritage of their incredible state;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 30, 2012 be proclaimed
23 "Centennial Celebration Day in the Legislature"; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexicans across the state
25 be encouraged to take a moment to celebrate one hundred years

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1 of statehood and to attend the events being held throughout the
2 year; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislators and other visitors
4 to the city of Santa Fe be encouraged to visit the statehood
5 centennial exhibit at the New Mexico history museum.

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