

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 17, 2014 AS "MILITARY AND VETERANS' DAY"
3 IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long history of military
6 service by its residents, a service that dates back hundreds
7 of years before statehood, when indigenous New Mexicans
8 resisted the advancement of European settlers in the area;
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10 WHEREAS, after New Mexico became the forty-seventh state
11 of the union, New Mexicans soon answered the call to arms
12 when the nation recruited brave men and women to serve in
13 World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Cold War,
14 the Vietnam Conflict, the Gulf War, the north Atlantic treaty
15 organization intervention in the Bosnian War and the global
16 war on terrorism after the September 11, 2001 terrorist
17 attack; and

18 WHEREAS, with four military installations located in
19 New Mexico, and one hundred seventy-one thousand veterans and
20 military retirees living in the state, military influence
21 continues to remain a strong part of the state today; and

22 WHEREAS, the post-service care of current and former
23 warriors and their families is an urgent and important
24 priority, because the military community has earned this
25 benefit through sacrifice and service to the United States;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, gratitude is extended to the numerous veterans'
3 service organizations in the state for the valuable services
4 they provide in caring for the military community;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 17, 2014 be declared
7 "Military and Veterans' Day" in the senate and that gratitude
8 be extended to New Mexico's current and former military
9 service members and to the veterans' service organizations
10 for working in partnership with the state to serve these
11 current and former heroes; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the department of military affairs and to the
14 veterans' services department. _____

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