

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2016 AS "MILITARY AND VETERANS' DAY"
3 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

4
5 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long and proud history of
6 military service by its residents, a service that dates back
7 hundreds of years before statehood, when indigenous New
8 Mexicans resisted the advancement of European settlers in the
9 area; and

10 WHEREAS, one hundred years ago, just four years after
11 New Mexico became the nation's forty-seventh state, "citizen
12 soldiers" of the New Mexico national guard were federally
13 activated for the first time when the United States army
14 needed assistance answering attacks by Mexican revolutionary
15 Pancho Villa and his men on the town of Columbus, New Mexico,
16 and on other outposts in the southwest territories; and

17 WHEREAS, from that time on, members of the New Mexico
18 national guard and other residents continued to answer the
19 call to arms when the nation recruited brave men and women to
20 serve in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, the
21 cold war, the Vietnam conflict, the Gulf War and the global
22 war on terrorism and in peacetime eras between those wars and
23 conflicts; and

24 WHEREAS, with four military installations located in New
25 Mexico, and one hundred seventy-one thousand veterans and

1 military retirees living in the state, military influence
2 continues to remain a strong part of the state today;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 15,
5 2016 be declared "Military and Veterans' Day" in the house of
6 representatives and that gratitude be extended to New
7 Mexico's current and former military service members for
8 their service and sacrifices for their country; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico national
10 guard be honored on the one-hundred-year anniversary of the
11 New Mexico national guard's first federal activation; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico's citizen
13 soldiers be honored for answering the call when brave men and
14 women are needed at home or when warriors are needed abroad
15 in times of international crisis; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the department of military affairs and to the
18 veterans' services department.