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HOUSE MEMORIAL 103

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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1           WHEREAS, from that time on, members of the New Mexico  
2 national guard and other residents continued to answer the call  
3 to arms when the nation recruited brave men and women to serve  
4 in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, the cold  
5 war, the Vietnam conflict, the Gulf War and the global war on  
6 terrorism and in peacetime eras between those wars and  
7 conflicts; and

8           WHEREAS, with four military installations located in New  
9 Mexico, and one hundred seventy-one thousand veterans and  
10 military retirees living in the state, military influence  
11 continues to remain a strong part of the state today;

12           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 15,  
14 2016 be declared "Military and Veterans' Day" in the house of  
15 representatives and that gratitude be extended to New Mexico's  
16 current and former military service members for their service  
17 and sacrifices for their country; and

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

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

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the department of military affairs and to the  
2 veterans' services department.

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