

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO NAME A
3 BRIDGE LOCATED AT INTERSTATE 40, EXIT 81, IN GRANTS THE
4 "VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL BRIDGE".

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6 WHEREAS, requests for the designation or dedication by
7 name of any department of transportation bridge are submitted
8 to the state transportation commission for approval; and

9 WHEREAS, a requested designation by name is intended as
10 a memorial to an event, a person or persons of historical
11 significance or intended as an honor to a person or persons of
12 national esteem; and

13 WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was a conflict that pitted the
14 communist regime of North Vietnam against South Vietnam and
15 its principal ally, the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the Vietnam War ended in 1973, and many brave
17 and honorable veterans returned to New Mexico at the end of
18 the war; and

19 WHEREAS, there were one hundred fifty-two thousand
20 fifty-five veterans living in New Mexico as of 2014, according
21 to a veterans profile from the workforce solutions department;
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23 WHEREAS, within the United States, veterans represented
24 seven and nine-tenths percent of the total population, with
25 New Mexico ranked thirteenth in the nation for concentration

1 of veterans; and

2 WHEREAS, just under forty percent of all New Mexico
3 veterans and nearly fifty percent of all conflict veterans
4 had served in the Vietnam War; and

5 WHEREAS, these brave men and women veterans are held in
6 national esteem and deserve to be honored for the sacrifices
7 they made on behalf of their families, the state and the
8 nation; and

9 WHEREAS, a fitting honor to recognize New Mexico's
10 Vietnam War veterans would be to have a bridge named in their
11 honor;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state
14 transportation commission be requested to name a bridge
15 located at interstate 40, exit 81, in Grants the "Vietnam
16 Veterans' Memorial Bridge"; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the state transportation commission. _____

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