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A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 24, 2018 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its mining, ranching
and art communities, blend of Hispanic, Native American and
Anglo cultures, blue skies with three hundred sixty days of
sunshine, vast mountain landscapes and small-town atmosphere;
and

WHEREAS, Grant county is the gateway to the vast Gila
wilderness; and

WHEREAS, Grant county's largest city and the county
seat, Silver City, will celebrate its one-hundred-fortieth
anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Silver City is the only municipality in New
Mexico still operating under the territorial charter issued
by the legislative assembly of the territory of New Mexico in
1878; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is the richest county for mining
in New Mexico and home to more restaurants than fast food
establishments; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico
university, which will celebrate its one-hundred-twenty-fifth
anniversary in 2018, and the world's foremost collections of
ancient Mimbres pottery are displayed at the western New

1 Mexico university museum; and

2 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history
3 that includes prehistoric Native Americans, Chiricahua Apache
4 and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and lawman Dan
5 Tucker; and

6 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of
7 the one-hundred-twenty-fifth United States colored infantry
8 established Fort Bayard; and

9 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored as the home of many
10 veterans, including members of New Mexico's two-hundredth
11 coast artillery regiment, many of whom were subjected to the
12 Bataan death march, including the late Representative Tom
13 Foy; and

14 WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide
15 trail, a national scenic trail, at six thousand to seven
16 thousand feet, providing cool summers, as well as
17 uninterrupted views of the Mexican border to the south; and

18 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila,
19 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts
20 national and international teams and boosts awareness and use
21 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Grant county has many well-known festivals,
24 including the blues festival, clay festival, festival of the
25 written word and the Southwest print fiesta; and

1 WHEREAS, Grant county prospectors have celebrated "Grant
2 County Day" in Santa Fe for over forty years;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 24, 2018 be proclaimed
5 "Grant County Day" in the legislature; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the great people and great
7 places of Grant county be recognized; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the members of the board of county
10 commissioners of Grant county.

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