

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 11, 2019 "MILITARY AND VETERANS' DAY" IN THE
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the belief that
6 Americans are guaranteed the inalienable rights of life,
7 liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

8 WHEREAS, the freedom Americans enjoy does not come
9 without a price, as it is protected by those who have served
10 in the United States armed forces; and

11 WHEREAS, America's brave military men and women have
12 sacrificed to preserve and protect America's way of life from
13 all enemies, both foreign and domestic; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout New Mexico's history, military
15 service has been important to New Mexicans; and

16 WHEREAS, during pre-statehood territorial days, farmers
17 and landowners helped the union army stop the spread of the
18 confederacy at the battle of Glorieta during the Civil War;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexicans have readily answered the nation's
21 call to arms, from World War I to the most recent wars in
22 Iraq and Afghanistan; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico has consistently ranked among the
24 highest per capita rates of service by any state in the
25 nation; and

1 WHEREAS, with five military bases within New Mexico's
2 borders today, along with eleven thousand active-duty
3 personnel, more than five thousand reserve and national guard
4 members and one hundred fifty-six thousand veterans, the
5 military and veteran presence continues to be a vital part of
6 the fabric of New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, veterans have a major impact on New Mexico's
8 economy, and account for one billion five hundred million
9 dollars (\$1,500,000,000) in benefits, services and
10 expenditures by the United States department of veterans
11 affairs in the state; and

12 WHEREAS, the average income of a veteran in New Mexico
13 is forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), seventeen thousand
14 dollars (\$17,000) more than non-veteran wage earners; and

15 WHEREAS, there are twenty-five thousand veteran-owned
16 businesses in New Mexico, accounting for nearly six billion
17 five hundred million dollars (\$6,500,000,000) in economic
18 activity, and after veterans have served their country, they
19 continue to serve New Mexico's economy;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 11, 2019 be declared "Military
22 and Veterans' Day" in the senate to acknowledge and honor the
23 service, sacrifice and overall impact of this nation's
24 active-duty service members and veterans in New Mexico; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

1 sent to the governor, the adjutant general and the secretary
2 of veterans' services. _____

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