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SENATE MEMORIAL 71

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2019 "FILM DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has experienced an unprecedented boom in film and television production because of the state's competitive incentives, talented crew both behind and in front of the camera, robust infrastructure, perfect weather, welcoming residents and great locations; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is now recognized nationally and internationally by the film industry as a place not only to shoot its projects but to base its operations permanently; and

WHEREAS, the film industry continues to look at legislation upon which to build its success; and

WHEREAS, the following prominent New Mexicans, locations and films are being recognized by the New Mexico film and television hall of fame for their significant contributions to

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- 1 New Mexico film:
- 2 A. Greer Garson, actor and benefactor;
- 3 B. Wes Studi, actor;
- 4 C. Maura Dhu Studi, educator and advocate;
- 5 D. Rod McCall, producer and director;
- 6 E. Mark Medoff, writer and producer;
- 7 F. Alton Walpole, producer;
- 8 G. Anne Lerner, former head of the Albuquerque film
- 9 office;
- 10 H. Jo Edna Boldin, casting director;
- 11 I. the city of Las Vegas, where New Mexico film was
- 12 first established and the filming location of three of the
- 13 films being recognized for significant anniversaries, *Easy*
- 14 *Rider*, *Red Dawn* and *All the Pretty Horses*; and
- 15 J. other films to be recognized, *The Book of Eli*,
- 16 *Crazy Heart*, *Journey to the Center of the Earth* and *The Tao of*
- 17 *Steve*; and

18 WHEREAS, the New Mexico film and television hall of fame

19 is also honoring the following rising stars: actor Amber

20 Midthunder, who is currently starring in *Legion* on national

21 television; director and writer Julie Burris; independent

22 filmmaker Joe Lonesome; winner of *The Voice* Chevel

23 Shepherd, and local filmmaker Denali Tiller; and

24 WHEREAS, the New Mexico film and television hall of fame

25 is also recognizing those who have passed on: production

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1 coordinator Janie Elliott and all-around crew member Jason  
2 Jester Smith, along with Sam Shepard, Roberta Leeds and Dennis  
3 Hopper; and

4 WHEREAS, film week features panels, presentations and an  
5 educators' conference; and

6 WHEREAS, actor Ed Asner, the former president of the  
7 screen actors guild, will accept a lifetime achievement award  
8 during film week; and

9 WHEREAS, programs will also honor Native American and  
10 Latin and African American filmmakers;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
12 OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2019 be designated "Film Day"  
13 in the senate; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the acting director of the New Mexico film  
16 office and the chair of the board of the Santa Fe film  
17 festival.