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HOUSE MEMORIAL 22

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 3, 2021 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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 per year; 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 county seat, 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

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

4 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico
5 university, the state's only liberal arts and sciences
6 university as designated by the legislature; and

7 WHEREAS, the western New Mexico university museum has the
8 world's foremost collections of ancient Mimbres pottery; and

9 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history
10 that includes prehistoric Native Americans, Chiricahua Apache
11 and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid, lawman Dan
12 Tucker and Madam Millie; and

13 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of the
14 one-hundred-twenty-fifth United States colored infantry was
15 established at Fort Bayard; and

16 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored as the home of many
17 veterans, and Grant county shares New Mexico's heavy burden of
18 the members of New Mexico's two-hundredth coast artillery
19 regiment, many of whom were subjected to the Bataan death
20 march, including the late Representative Tom Foy; and

21 WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide
22 trail, a national scenic trail, at six thousand to seven
23 thousand feet, providing cool summers, as well as uninterrupted
24 views of the Mexican border to the south; and

25 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila,

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1 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts
2 national and international teams and boosts awareness and use
3 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway; and

4 WHEREAS, Grant county has many well-known festivals,
5 including the blues festival, clay festival, festival of the
6 written word and Southwest print fiesta; and

7 WHEREAS, Grant county recognizes Lieutenant Governor Howie
8 Morales of Grant county;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 3,
11 2021 be proclaimed "Grant County Day" in the house of
12 representatives; and

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

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the members of the board of county commissioners
17 of Grant county.