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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE ONE-HUNDRED-FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MESCALERO APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION.

WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation was
established by President Ulysses S. Grant on Hf11→~~May 27,~~
~~1883~~←Hf11 Hf11→**May 29, 1873**←Hf11 , by executive order; and

WHEREAS, the original boundaries of the Mescalero Apache
Indian reservation spanned as far north as Fort Stanton, and
the current reservation is over seven hundred nineteen square

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miles, or four hundred sixty-three thousand acres; and

WHEREAS, sierra blanca, or white mountain, sacred to the Apache people, is located partially on the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe represents the Mescalero, Lipan and Chiricahua Apache bands of Apache; and

WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache people have called the lands of New Mexico their home since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Lipan Apache were forced from their homelands in Texas and northern Mexico and held as prisoners of war until 1905 when they joined the Mescalero Apache on the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation; and

WHEREAS, in 1913, the Chiricahua Apache were released as prisoners of war from the Fort Sill military reservation near Lawton, Oklahoma, and the vast majority of the Chiricahua Apache chose to make their homes on the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation where they were welcomed wholeheartedly by the Mescalero Apache; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation, the Mescalero Apache Tribe has been at the forefront of the fight for tribal sovereignty at the state and national levels and to preserve its culture, language and connection to its homelands throughout southern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation is mountainous and heavily wooded, and the Mescalero Apache Tribe

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is well-known for its sustainable forestry management, public campgrounds and big game hunting program; and

WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe is proud to share the natural beauty of the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation with guests and patrons from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and many other places at the tribe's resort and casino, the inn of the mountain gods; and

WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe is proud to call the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation its home;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the one-hundred-fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation be recognized and celebrated by the house of representatives and throughout New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the Mescalero Apache tribal government tribal council.