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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 40

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

W. C. "Dub" Williams

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO REQUIRE
MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO TEACH THE HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II.

WHEREAS, World War II marks a time in recent history when many Americans, including many New Mexicans, were called to serve their country; and

WHEREAS, World War II veterans made incredible sacrifices while they served abroad in both Europe and the South Pacific, not only by risking life and limb but also by being away from their families and friends; and

WHEREAS, many students are unaware of the great contributions and the acts of bravery that many World War II veterans made in the line of duty, both in active combat and in performing other duties; and

WHEREAS, Navajo New Mexicans used their special skills to

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1 contribute toward winning World War II by serving as Navajo
2 code talkers; and

3 WHEREAS, World War II prisoners of war held on the Bataan
4 peninsula in the Philippines were marched by the Japanese for
5 approximately sixty-five miles and many of them, including
6 many New Mexicans, died of disease and starvation;

7 WHEREAS, New Mexican World War II veterans could serve as
8 valuable resources about the realities and horrors of war to
9 students in the public schools;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
12 education teach the history of World War II in middle schools
13 throughout the state; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that World War II veterans be
15 invited to classes in middle schools throughout the state to
16 share their experiences with students; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the eleventh hour of the
18 eleventh day of the eleventh month be set aside in the public
19 schools to commemorate the contribution that World War II
20 veterans made to the United States of America and to raise the
21 level of appreciation that students have toward World War II
22 veterans; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction and to
25 the legislative education study committee.

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6 **February 22, 1999**

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8 **Mr. Speaker:**

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10 **Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**

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14 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**
15 **recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:**

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17 1. On page 1, line 11 strike "REQUIRE" and insert in
18 lieu thereof "ENCOURAGE AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO PUBLIC".

19 2. On page 1, line 12, strike "MIDDLE".

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21 3. On page 1, line 12, before the period insert "IN
22 NEW MEXICO AND UNITED STATES HISTORY COURSES".

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24 4. On page 2, line 12, after "education" insert
25 "encourage and provide guidance to public schools to".

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5. On page 2, line 12, strike "in middle schools" and
insert in lieu thereof "in New Mexico and United States
history courses".

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Miera, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 12 For 0 Against

Yes: 12

Excused: Begaye, Burpo, Marquardt, Stapleton

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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Excused: Adair, Duran, Gorham, Jennings

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Absent: None

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