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HOUSE MEMORIAL 10

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1, 2011 TO BE "LAS CRUCES DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Las Cruces is the second-largest and one of the fastest-growing cities in New Mexico and is a dynamic place to work, live, play and learn; and

WHEREAS, Las Cruces will continue to serve its residents well in 2011 with its environmentally friendly and energy-efficient city hall, convention center and federal building and will continue to evolve as a sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, Las Cruces is bordered by the purple Organ mountains and the lush, agriculture-filled Mesilla valley; and

WHEREAS, Las Cruces serves as a recreational hub for Dona Ana county with the state of the art regional recreation and aquatics center and the thrill of minor league baseball; and

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1           WHEREAS, Las Cruces proudly supports America's military  
2 with its close association with White Sands missile range,  
3 Holloman air force base and Fort Bliss in neighboring El Paso,  
4 Texas; and

5           WHEREAS, Las Cruces is on the cutting edge of higher  
6 learning with New Mexico state university and Dona Ana  
7 community college and with a new high school, middle school and  
8 elementary school scheduled to open this year; and

9           WHEREAS, Las Cruces is playing an integral part in the  
10 establishment of spaceport America, the world's first purpose-  
11 built, commercial spaceport located just outside of "the city  
12 of the crosses"; and

13           WHEREAS, the city is becoming a leader in the emerging  
14 alternative energy sector with new solar and biofuel industries  
15 in the West Mesa industrial park; and

16           WHEREAS, Las Cruces is nationally recognized as a "playful  
17 city USA", one of *Inc. Magazine's* boomtowns, one of the  
18 American association of retired person's dream towns in which  
19 to retire, one of *Money Magazine's* best college towns in which  
20 to retire, one of *Family Digest's* best place to live  
21 designations, one of Forbes/Milken Institute's best small areas  
22 for business and career designations and a top ten city for  
23 Hispanics to live designation; and

24           WHEREAS, 2011 is the twenty-fourth year of "Las Cruces  
25 Day" in Santa Fe; and

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