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HOUSE MEMORIAL 28

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO REPORT TO THE  
MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACCOUNTING OF  
VETERANS IN THE STATE TO DISCOVER NEW SERVICES AND EXPAND  
EXISTING SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF NEW MEXICO'S VETERANS.

WHEREAS, there are over one hundred seventy thousand  
veterans who are residents of the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, veterans face a number of unique issues due to  
the service they have provided to this country; and

WHEREAS, many veterans suffer from the effects of  
posttraumatic stress disorder and other mental and physical  
injuries as a result of being in combat, which can cause a  
variety of health issues for veterans and may increase the  
chances of a veteran being homeless, incarcerated or  
institutionalized; and

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1           WHEREAS, it is important to have an accounting of the  
2 veterans in the state to discover new services that should be  
3 implemented, and which existing services need expanding, to  
4 help meet the needs of the state's veterans;

5           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the veterans'  
7 services department, to the best of its ability and without  
8 violating the privacy of a veteran, compile an accounting of  
9 the veterans in the state, including the number of veterans  
10 that are homeless, incarcerated, unemployed, retired,  
11 institutionalized in a mental hospital, suffering from  
12 posttraumatic stress disorder and admitted to the New Mexico  
13 state veterans' home; and

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the veterans' services  
15 department present the report to the military and veterans'  
16 affairs committee at its first meeting of the interim in 2013;  
17 and

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the secretary of veterans' services.