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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 20, 2023 "MILITARY AND VETERANS DAY" IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the nation was founded on the belief that all
Americans live in a free society and are guaranteed the
inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of
happiness; and

WHEREAS, these freedoms everyone enjoys do not come
without a price, and they have been fought for and defended
by the nation's military service members who have sacrificed
to preserve and protect those freedoms and the country from
all enemies, foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, there exists in New Mexico a long and proud
history of military service by its residents, dating back to
the indigenous peoples who were willing to fight for, and
defend, their land from European settlers; and

WHEREAS, New Mexicans turned back the Confederacy at the
battle of Glorieta pass in northern New Mexico in 1862; and

WHEREAS, New Mexicans were an integral part of Teddy
Roosevelt's famed "rough riders", who helped drive off Spain
from Cuba and led to victory in the Spanish-American War; and

WHEREAS, in World War I, fourteen thousand one hundred
New Mexicans served; forty-nine thousand five hundred New
Mexicans served in World War II; twenty-five thousand New

1 Mexicans served in the Korean conflict; fifty-seven thousand
2 New Mexicans served in the Vietnam conflict; and more than
3 fifty thousand New Mexicans have served since the Gulf War;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, with four military installations, twelve
6 thousand seven hundred active-duty personnel, four thousand
7 national guard and reserve members, as well as one hundred
8 forty-one thousand veterans living in the state, military
9 influence remains a strong part of the fabric of New Mexico
10 today;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition
13 be extended to New Mexico's military personnel and veterans
14 by declaring February 20, 2023 "Military and Veterans Day" in
15 the house of representatives; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico's current and
17 former military service members be honored and thanked for
18 their service and sacrifice for the country; and

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

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