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HOUSE MEMORIAL 55

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 3, 2014 "GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RECOGNIZING THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY AND COMMEMORATING THE ONE-HUNDRED-SIXTY-SIXTH-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS.

WHEREAS, on February 2, 1848, the United States of America and the United Mexican States signed the peace treaty known as the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo at the main altar of the old cathedral of Guadalupe at the villa Hidalgo to end the war between the two nations; and

WHEREAS, Article VI of the United States constitution affirms that treaties are the supreme law of the land; and

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 5 of the constitution of New

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1 Mexico states that the rights guaranteed to the people of New
2 Mexico under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo shall be preserved
3 inviolate; and

4 WHEREAS, Spanish, Mexican and pueblo community land
5 grants throughout New Mexico have continued to use the treaty
6 to protect existing and traditional common lands and pursue
7 justice in the recovery of the former common lands; and

8 WHEREAS, the New Mexico land grant forum initiated the
9 first-ever Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Day at the New Mexico
10 legislature to commemorate the one-hundred-fifty-year
11 anniversary of the signing of the treaty, and the New Mexico
12 land grant council now continues the tradition annually; and

13 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12-5-10 NMSA 1978, February
14 2 of each year is set apart and known as "Guadalupe Hidalgo
15 treaty day" in New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, February 2, the anniversary of the Treaty of
17 Guadalupe Hidalgo, falls on super bowl Sunday this year, and
18 February 3 is a day on which this treaty's historical
19 significance and continued importance may be given its proper
20 due; and

21 WHEREAS, the house of representatives, in session
22 February 3, 2014, wishes to extend congratulations and honor
23 this historic event;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize

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1 February 3, 2014 as the sixteenth annual celebration of
2 Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Day and declare February 3, 2014
3 "Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Day" at the house of representatives;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state and federal legislative
6 support for all Spanish and Mexican community land grants and
7 Native American pueblos should continue far into the future;
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the board of trustees of all community land
11 grants registered with the secretary of state's official land
12 grant registry, the governors and tribal councils of all the
13 pueblos of New Mexico and the members of the New Mexico
14 congressional delegation.