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HOUSE MEMORIAL 70

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO NAME A BRIDGE
LOCATED AT INTERSTATE 40, EXIT 81, IN GRANTS THE "VIETNAM
VETERANS' MEMORIAL BRIDGE".

WHEREAS, requests for the designation or dedication by
name of any department of transportation bridge are submitted
to the state transportation commission for approval; and

WHEREAS, a requested designation by name is intended as a
memorial to an event, a person or persons of historical
significance or intended as an honor to a person or persons of
national esteem; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was a conflict that pitted the
communist regime of North Vietnam against South Vietnam and its
principal ally, the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War ended in 1973, and many brave and

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1 honorable veterans returned to New Mexico at the end of the
2 war; and

3 WHEREAS, there were one hundred fifty-two thousand fifty-
4 five veterans living in New Mexico as of 2014, according to a
5 veterans profile from the workforce solutions department; and

6 WHEREAS, within the United States, veterans represented
7 seven and nine-tenths percent of the total population, with New
8 Mexico ranked thirteenth in the nation for concentration of
9 veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, just under forty percent of all New Mexico
11 veterans and nearly fifty percent of all conflict veterans had
12 served in the Vietnam War; and

13 WHEREAS, these brave men and women veterans are held in
14 national esteem and deserve to be honored for the sacrifices
15 they made on behalf of their families, the state and the
16 nation; and

17 WHEREAS, a fitting honor to recognize New Mexico's Vietnam
18 War veterans would be to have a bridge named in their honor;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state
21 transportation commission be requested to name a bridge located
22 at interstate 40, exit 81, in Grants the "Vietnam Veterans'
23 Memorial Bridge"; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the state transportation commission.

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