1	HOUSE MEMORIAL 77
2	52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015
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10	A MEMORIAL
11	DECLARING FEBRUARY 19, 2015 "IWO JIMA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
12	REPRESENTATIVES.
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14	WHEREAS, February 19, 2015 marks the seventieth
15	anniversary of a major battle in which the United States armed
16	forces fought for and captured the island of Iwo Jima in the
17	South Pacific; and
18	WHEREAS, this five-week military operation comprised some
19	of the fiercest and bloodiest fighting of World War II and was
20	the main turning point of the war in the Pacific theater
21	because of the island's strategic location to Japan; and
22	WHEREAS, the sailors and aviators who supported this
23	critical operation from offshore, as well as the marines and
24	navy seabees who landed on the beaches, deserve recognition;
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1 WHEREAS, seven thousand members of the United States armed 2 forces and almost nineteen thousand Japanese soldiers lost 3 their lives in the battle for America's freedom; and WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor New Mexico residents 4 who took part in this historic battle; 5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 19, 7 2015 be declared "Iwo Jima Day" in the house of representatives 8 in recognition of this historic event; and 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those heroic servicemen and 10 servicewomen who fought at Iwo Jima be recognized and that all 11 12 servicemen and servicewomen who have served and continue to serve the country be honored; and 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be 14 transmitted to the secretary of veterans' services. 15 - 2 -16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 .200161.2

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