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SENATE MEMORIAL 13

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 29, 2020 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its mining, ranching and art communities; blend of Hispanic, Native American and Anglo cultures; blue skies with three hundred sixty days of sunshine per year; vast mountain landscapes; and small-town atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is the gateway to the vast Gila wilderness; and

WHEREAS, Grant county's largest city and county seat, Silver City, is the only municipality in New Mexico still operating under the territorial charter issued by the legislative assembly of the territory of New Mexico in 1878; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is the richest county for mining in

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1 New Mexico and is home to more restaurants than fast food
2 establishments; and

3 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico
4 university, which will celebrate its one-hundred-twenty-seventh
5 anniversary this year, and the world's foremost collections of
6 ancient Mimbres pottery are displayed at the western New Mexico
7 university museum; and

8 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history
9 that includes prehistoric Native Americans, Chiricahua Apache
10 and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and lawman Dan
11 Tucker; and

12 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of the
13 one-hundred-twenty-fifth United States colored infantry was
14 established at Fort Bayard; and

15 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored as the home of many
16 veterans, including members of New Mexico's two-hundredth coast
17 artillery regiment, many of whom were subjected to the Bataan
18 death march, including the late Representative Tom Foy; and

19 WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide
20 trail, a national scenic trail, at six thousand to seven
21 thousand feet, providing cool summers, as well as uninterrupted
22 views of the Mexican border to the south; and

23 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila,
24 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts
25 national and international teams and boosts awareness and use

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1 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway; and

2 WHEREAS, Grant county has many well-known festivals,
3 including the blues festival, clay festival, festival of the
4 written word and Southwest print fiesta; and

5 WHEREAS, Grant county recognizes Lieutenant Governor Howie
6 Morales of Grant county;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
8 OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2020 be proclaimed "Grant County
9 Day" in the senate; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the great people and great
11 places of Grant county be recognized; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the members of the board of county commissioners
14 of Grant county.