

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE ONE-HUNDRED-FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
3 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MESCALERO APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION.  
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5 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation was  
6 established by President Ulysses S. Grant on May 29, 1873, by  
7 executive order; and

8 WHEREAS, the original boundaries of the Mescalero Apache  
9 Indian reservation spanned as far north as Fort Stanton, and  
10 the current reservation is over seven hundred nineteen square  
11 miles, or four hundred sixty-three thousand acres; and

12 WHEREAS, sierra blanca, or white mountain, sacred to the  
13 Apache people, is located partially on the Mescalero Apache  
14 Indian reservation; and

15 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe represents the  
16 Mescalero, Lipan and Chiricahua Apache bands of Apache; and

17 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache people have called the  
18 lands of New Mexico their home since time immemorial; and

19 WHEREAS, the Lipan Apache were forced from their  
20 homelands in Texas and northern Mexico and held as prisoners  
21 of war until 1905 when they joined the Mescalero Apache on  
22 the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1913, the Chiricahua Apache were released as  
24 prisoners of war from the Fort Sill military reservation near  
25 Lawton, Oklahoma, and the vast majority of the Chiricahua

1 Apache chose to make their homes on the Mescalero Apache  
2 Indian reservation where they were welcomed wholeheartedly by  
3 the Mescalero Apache; and

4 WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Mescalero Apache  
5 Indian reservation, the Mescalero Apache Tribe has been at  
6 the forefront of the fight for tribal sovereignty at the  
7 state and national levels and to preserve its culture,  
8 language and connection to its homelands throughout southern  
9 New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation is  
11 mountainous and heavily wooded, and the Mescalero Apache  
12 Tribe is well-known for its sustainable forestry management,  
13 public campgrounds and big game hunting program; and

14 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe is proud to share  
15 the natural beauty of the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation  
16 with guests and patrons from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and  
17 many other places at the tribe's resort and casino, the inn  
18 of the mountain gods; and

19 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe is proud to call the  
20 Mescalero Apache Indian reservation its home;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the one-  
23 hundred-fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the  
24 Mescalero Apache Indian reservation be recognized and  
25 celebrated by the house of representatives and throughout New

1 Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the Mescalero Apache tribal government tribal  
4 council. \_\_\_\_\_

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