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HOUSE MEMORIAL 9

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1, 2023 THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

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1 WHEREAS, Grant county is the richest county for mining in
2 New Mexico, producing numerous precious metals, including
3 copper, an essential element of green energy and electric
4 vehicles; and

5 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico
6 university, established in 1893, the state's only liberal arts
7 and sciences university as designated by the legislature; and

8 WHEREAS, the western New Mexico university museum has the
9 world's foremost collection of ancient Mimbres pottery; and

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

14 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of the
15 one-hundred-twenty-fifth United States colored infantry
16 regiment, known as the buffalo soldiers, was established at
17 Fort Bayard; and

18 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored as the home of many
19 veterans, and Grant county shares New Mexico's heavy burden of
20 the members of New Mexico's two-hundredth coast artillery
21 regiment, many of whom were subjected to the Bataan death
22 march, including the late Representative Tom Foy; and

23 WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide
24 trail, a national scenic trail, at six thousand to seven
25 thousand feet, providing cool summers, as well as uninterrupted

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1 views of the Mexican border to the south; and

2 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila,
3 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts
4 national and international teams and boosts awareness and use
5 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway; and

6 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university's early childhood
7 programs were designated as the New Mexico center for
8 excellence for early childhood education during the 2022
9 legislative session; and

10 WHEREAS, Grant county has many well-known festivals,
11 including the blues festival, clay festival, festival of the
12 written word and Southwest print fiesta; and

13 WHEREAS, Grant county recognizes Lieutenant Governor Howie
14 Morales of Grant county;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 1,
17 2023 be proclaimed the forty-seventh annual "Grant County Day"
18 in the house of representatives; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to members of the board of county commissioners of
21 Grant county.