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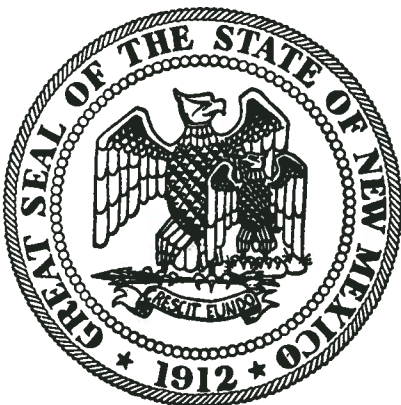
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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 19

Introduced by

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1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO NAME THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IN
3 SANTA CLARA AFTER REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS P. FOY.

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5 WHEREAS, Representative Thomas P. Foy, a resident of
6 Bayard, New Mexico, passed away on October 8, 2011 at the age
7 of ninety-six; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Foy, or Tom, as he was fondly
9 known to family and friends, was born on October 19, 1914 in
10 Silver City and grew up in Bayard, Santa Clara, Hurley and
11 the mining district area; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Foy proudly and honorably served
13 his country, joining the 200th coast artillery battery of the
14 New Mexico national guard in 1940; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Foy was assigned to the
16 Philippines in 1941 and was captured by the Japanese in April
17 1942; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Foy was a prisoner of war until
19 1945, survived the Bataan death march and was decorated with
20 the bronze star, the purple heart, the Asian pacific ribbon
21 and the New Mexico distinguished service medal; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Foy was a communicant of Our
23 Lady of Fatima Catholic church, a member of the knights of
24 Columbus, the knights of the holy sepulcher, the Bayard lions
25 club, the Silver City moose lodge number 1718 and veterans of

1 foreign wars number 3347 and a life member of the Silver City
2 elks lodge; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Foy opened his law practice in
4 Bayard in 1946, was elected and served as the sixth judicial
5 district attorney from 1949 to 1956, was a member of the New
6 Mexico bar for seventy years and served as a board member and
7 vice president of the New Mexico bar commission; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1970, Representative Foy was elected to the
9 New Mexico house of representatives from district 39,
10 comprising Grant and Hidalgo counties, serving fourteen terms
11 until 1998; and

12 WHEREAS, he was the chair of the judiciary committee,
13 the corporations and banks committee, the committee on equal
14 rights and the courts, corrections and criminal justice
15 committee; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Foy is remembered as a "true
17 blue democrat" by former Representative Murray Ryan, a
18 Republican, of district 38, which includes Grant, Luna and
19 Sierra counties; and

20 WHEREAS, former Speaker of the House Raymond Sanchez
21 recalls Representative Foy as a "beloved and respected member
22 in the New Mexico house of representatives"; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Foy was the founder of the Grant
24 county state bank, which provided loans and capital to
25 residents; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Foy was named citizen of the
2 year in 1965 by the Silver City-Grant county chamber of
3 commerce; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Foy leaves the following
5 philosophy by which he lived to his children, grandchildren
6 and future generations of family:

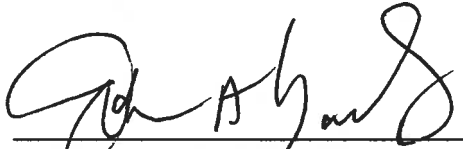
7 "Get a good education, work hard, have a good moral
8 compass to guide you and serve your fellow man. Accept
9 responsibility for the good that you do as well as the
10 mistakes that you make. Enjoy life."; and

11 WHEREAS, there is a national guard armory in
12 Representative Foy's hometown of Santa Clara; and

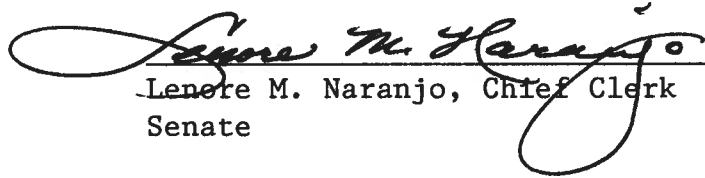
13 WHEREAS, because he served in the military and
14 contributed greatly to the community of Santa Clara, it is
15 fitting that the armory be named after him;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Governor Susana Martinez be
18 requested to name the national guard armory in Santa Clara
19 after Representative Thomas P. Foy; and

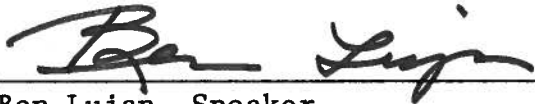
20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to Governor Martinez and the family of
22 Representative Thomas P. Foy. _____



John A. Sanchez, President
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Lenore M. Naranjo, Chief Clerk
Senate



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House of Representatives



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House of Representatives