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**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR
THE DEAF TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS
TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
ABOUT THE ADEQUACY AND CAPACITY OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND
PHYSICAL FACILITIES AT THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico school for the deaf was
established in Santa Fe one hundred twelve years ago to
provide for the instruction of deaf and hard-of-hearing New
Mexicans who are between the ages of five years and majority;
and

WHEREAS, the board of regents of the New Mexico school
for the deaf has the full responsibility of providing
suitable buildings and physical facilities that are necessary
to providing a high quality education delivered in the most
efficient manner; and

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1 WHEREAS, in order to provide the best possible education
2 to the deaf and hard-of-hearing students of New Mexico and to
3 prepare them to function well in the world at large, the
4 board of regents of the New Mexico school for the deaf has
5 established a facilities task force to assess the adequacy
6 and capacity of the existing buildings and physical
7 facilities on the New Mexico school for the deaf campus in
8 Santa Fe; and WHEREAS, the facilities task force has held
9 extensive meetings and discussions and submitted its report
10 to the board of regents of the New Mexico school for the
11 deaf;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the board of
14 regents of the New Mexico school for the deaf be requested to
15 hold public hearings to discuss the facilities task force's
16 report; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public hearings provide
18 for participation by all constituents of the New Mexico
19 school for the deaf, including students, parents, staff,
20 faculty, alumni, members of the New Mexico association of the
21 deaf, the business community and deaf persons; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following the public
23 hearings, the board of regents of the New Mexico school for
24 the deaf be requested to present its final conclusions and
25 recommendations to the appropriate legislative interim
committee and the commission on higher education by
September 1, 2000 about the adequacy and capacity of existing

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1 buildings and physical facilities at the New Mexico school
2 for the deaf, including any changes to the present
3 facilities, that are necessary in order for the school to
4 provide a high quality education for its students during the
5 twenty-first century; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the chairman of the appropriate legislative
8 interim committee, members of the board of regents of the New
9 Mexico school for the deaf, the superintendent of the New
10 Mexico school for the deaf and the executive director of the
11 commission on higher education.

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