

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 16

2 **44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - 2ND SPECIAL SESSION, 2000**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING IMPROVEMENTS TO OLD UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 66 BETWEEN  
12 GALLUP AND RED ROCK.

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14 WHEREAS, the historic old United States highway 66 runs  
15 eight miles between Gallup and Red Rock; and

16 WHEREAS, this road is a major link between outlying  
17 communities and the city of Gallup, is used daily to bring  
18 commuters to and from work and carries schoolchildren five days  
19 a week; and

20 WHEREAS, the Red Rock amphitheater annually is host to the  
21 intertribal ceremonial, an international event that draws  
22 tourists from around the world, as well as regularly hosting  
23 concerts, shows and other community and state events that  
24 attract visitors and create heavy traffic on the old United  
25 States highway 66; and

WHEREAS, the road must accommodate increasing traffic from  
the growing neighborhoods developing near the Sundance area, as  
well as the communities of Iyanbito, Church Rock, Pinedale and  
Rio Lobo canyon; and

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1 WHEREAS, this eight-mile stretch is a narrow two-lane road  
2 in serious disrepair and in need of widening in order to  
3 accommodate its substantial traffic burden; and

4 WHEREAS, this once-famous highway is the only access road  
5 to interstate 40 from the New Mexico state police local  
6 headquarters;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation  
9 department develop and implement plans to improve and widen the  
10 eight-mile stretch of the old United States highway 66 from the  
11 city of Gallup to the Red Rock area east of the city from its  
12 current two-lane state to a modern four-lane highway; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
14 sent to the state highway engineer for presentation to the  
15 state highway commission.