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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 47
45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE HIGHWAY AND
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE AND MARKET THE SEVENTY-
FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HISTORIC ROUTE 66 IN NEW MEXICO AS THE
NATIONAL DIAMOND JUBILEE OF HISTORIC ROUTE 66.

WHEREAS, "Historic Route 66" was the major automobile
artery that fed the growth of the southwest in the twentieth
century; and

WHEREAS, Historic Route 66 has been elevated in legend and
myth nationally and internationally as the "Mother Road" and
"America's Main Street", and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico declared remaining
portions of former United States route 66 a state scenic and
historic byway in 1994; and

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1 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico has designated large
2 portions of former United States route 66 as part of its state
3 highway system and dual-designated those portions as "New
4 Mexico Historic Route 66" in 1998; and

5 WHEREAS, the federal government, with the leadership of
6 New Mexico's United States congressional delegation, created
7 the federal Route 66 Corridor Preservation Act in 1999; and

8 WHEREAS, the federal government in 2000 designated
9 Historic Route 66 a "Community Millennium Trail" of the white
10 house and a national scenic and historic byway through the
11 federal highway department; and

12 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico wishes to preserve,
13 conserve, interpret and celebrate the historic and cultural
14 assets related to Historic Route 66 communities in New Mexico;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico wishes to encourage
17 economic development and heritage tourism in communities along
18 the Historic Route 66 corridors and intends for its residents
19 and visitors to be able to find easy access to Historic Route
20 66; and

21 WHEREAS, Historic Route 66 communities in New Mexico plan
22 to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the roadway in
23 2001; and

24 WHEREAS, the international celebration of Historic Route
25 66's seventy-fifth anniversary, "Remember the Route" will be

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1 held July 20-22, 2001 in Albuquerque;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the tourism department and the state
4 highway and transportation department be requested to promote
5 the seventy-fifth anniversary of Historic Route 66 in New
6 Mexico as the "National Diamond Jubilee of Historic Route 66";
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tourism department and the
9 state highway and transportation department be requested to
10 encourage all departments of the state of New Mexico with
11 jurisdiction and oversight over the development, preservation,
12 conservation, interpretation, promotion and marketing of
13 Historic Route 66 assets, to cooperate and coordinate with
14 municipalities and the New Mexico route 66 association in their
15 efforts to celebrate this unique historic and cultural legacy
16 of New Mexico; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the secretary of tourism and the secretary of
19 highway and transportation.

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