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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 78
45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO
PERFORM CERTAIN TASKS INVOLVED IN CONVERTING COUNTY ROAD B44A
IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY FROM A COUNTY TO A STATE ROAD FOR
MAINTENANCE PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, San Miguel county road B44A is located two miles east of the village of Pecos, where it intersects New Mexico state highway 223 and is approximately seven miles in length; and

WHEREAS, county road B44A is located in a highly traveled area and poses a hazard to children riding on school buses to Pecos schools, local residents, emergency medical and fire services, law enforcement officials, woodcutters, campers traveling to Barillas Peak and other United States forest

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1 service lands, worshipers attending the historic Santo Nino
2 mission for its monthly celebrations and other visitors to this
3 scenic area; and

4 WHEREAS, the condition of the road affects over one
5 hundred fifty people who use county road B44A every day,
6 traversing the mountains to Pecos and beyond to go to and from
7 work and to procure groceries or other goods from town each
8 day; and

9 WHEREAS, the resources and equipment to maintain and
10 upgrade county road B44A are not available to maintain the road
11 commensurate with the amount of traffic on the road; and

12 WHEREAS, from October to May many stretches of county road
13 B44A are snow packed and icy, in some places for more than one
14 mile in sections of the road that have no shoulders, but have
15 sheer drops with short sections of guardrails and where there
16 is no space to pass, and stopping is many times impossible on
17 the ice; and

18 WHEREAS, as Christmas approaches, traffic on county road
19 B44A increases due to transport of Christmas trees for sale or
20 personal use, and many vehicles end up in ditches or drop over
21 the side of the road; and

22 WHEREAS, the surface of county road B44A turns to ruts and
23 washboard in summer rains that destroy the alignment of
24 residents' vehicles, and when it is dry, visibility is
25 diminished from dust that can almost fully obscure vision of

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1 the driver of vehicles, including school buses; and

2 WHEREAS, many accidents and two deaths have occurred in
3 the past years due to conditions on county road B44A;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation
6 department make San Miguel county road B44A a state road and
7 provide improvements and maintenance to that road as needed for
8 the health and safety of travelers on the road, including
9 school children whose buses use that roadway; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the state highway commission and the secretary
12 of highway and transportation.

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