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HOUSE MEMORIAL 17

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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A MEMORIAL

**INVITING NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL FANS TO VOICE
THEIR DISPLEASURE WITH THEIR UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
NEIGHBORS BY ATTENDING "AGGIE DAY FOR THE LOBOS" AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO-UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
FOOTBALL GAME.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico state university and the university
of Texas at El Paso have enjoyed a long and treasured rivalry
in college football that spans nearly a century; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico state university and the university
of Texas at El Paso have traditionally engaged in their
gridiron rivalry on a home-and-away basis, playing the game
alternately in El Paso and Las Cruces; and**

**WHEREAS, the two schools had a contract to play the game
at Aggie memorial stadium in Las Cruces in September 2001 and**

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1 again in 2002; and

2 WHEREAS, university of Texas at El Paso officials
3 insisted that the game be played instead in El Paso and
4 arbitrarily decided to cancel the contract for monetary
5 purposes; and

6 WHEREAS, while playing the game in Las Cruces is an
7 important revenue producer for the New Mexico state university
8 athletic program, the Aggies' primary reasons for wanting to
9 do so were for sportsmanship and fair play; and

10 WHEREAS, despite the rivalry within the great state of
11 New Mexico between university of New Mexico athletic fans and
12 New Mexico state university athletic fans, they are all, first
13 and foremost, New Mexicans;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all New Mexico
16 state university football fans be invited to Albuquerque on
17 September 1, 2001 to cheer on the university of New Mexico
18 lobos, or at least root against the university of Texas at El
19 Paso miners if cheering for the lobos is simply asking too
20 much, in the "UNM versus UTEP" football game; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico
22 athletic department be urged to make New Mexico state
23 university football fans welcome at the game by declaring
24 September 1, 2001 to be "Aggie Day for the Lobos"; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the athletic departments at the university of
2 New Mexico, New Mexico state university and the university of
3 Texas at El Paso, the mayor of El Paso, the El Paso chamber of
4 commerce and the El Paso convention and visitors bureau.

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