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1 from the archives of the Spanish and Mexican governments turned
2 over to the federal surveyor general's office by the governor
3 of New Mexico included documents related to one thousand
4 fourteen separate land grants; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives'
6 committee on private land claims report number 457, dated
7 May 29, 1858 and accompanying House Resolution 605, also made
8 clear reference to the substantial number of documents in
9 possession of the federal surveyor general and the
10 congressional committee; and

11 WHEREAS, the initial draft of the general accounting
12 office current report lists a total of only two hundred ninety-
13 five land grants, including one hundred fifty-two community
14 grants, seventy-nine shared land grants and twenty-two Indian
15 pueblo grants; and

16 WHEREAS, thousands of families and individuals in New
17 Mexico and southern Colorado have long wanted sufficient
18 information about the land grants to clearly understand the
19 history of their ancestral properties; and

20 WHEREAS, from the initial draft of this general accounting
21 office report it appears that seven hundred nineteen land
22 grants remain unaccounted for, despite historical documentation
23 of their existence;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress, through

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1 our elected senators and representatives, be requested to
2 direct a meticulous and exhaustive search of congressional
3 archives for all documentation provided to the federal surveyor
4 general, as stated in the report of 1856; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the search and subsequent
6 report include an explanation of why a large amount of acreage
7 originally claimed was rejected from that land confirmed and
8 patented; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any documentation found of the
10 missing seven hundred nineteen land grants be made public as
11 well as the reasons why these land grants were not recognized
12 either by the federal surveyor general or the court of private
13 land claims, the supreme court or congress; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 sent to each member of New Mexico's congressional delegation,
16 to the office of the federal surveyor general and to the
17 congressional archives office.