

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 46

2 46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 URGING THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE AND THE GHOST RANCH  
12 EDUCATIONAL AND RETREAT CENTER TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS THAT  
13 RESULT IN THE OPENING OF THE GHOST RANCH PIEDRA LUMBRE VISITOR  
14 AND EDUCATION CENTER.

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16 WHEREAS, Ghost Ranch is a national educational and retreat  
17 center owned by the Presbyterian church; and

18 WHEREAS, the closed Piedra Lumbre visitor center is  
19 located on United States forest service land adjacent to Ghost  
20 Ranch; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States forest service approached Ghost  
22 Ranch about operating the visitor center, and from those  
23 discussions a concept has evolved for a Ghost Ranch Piedra  
24 Lumbre visitor and education center; and

25 WHEREAS, such a center would encourage appreciation of

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1 northern New Mexico culture and traditions; provide  
2 environmental education in land management, ecology and water  
3 research, paleontology, geology and archaeology; and provide an  
4 economic stimulus by encouraging increased tourist activity and  
5 job development in Rio Arriba county; and

6 WHEREAS, a visitor and education center would be  
7 financially viable with the support of Ghost Ranch and the  
8 United States forest service;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it endorse the discussions between  
11 Ghost Ranch and the United States forest service regarding the  
12 opening of the Ghost Ranch Piedra Lumbre visitor and education  
13 center with the hope that those discussions conclude  
14 successfully with the opening of the center; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to Ghost Ranch and the United States forest  
17 service.