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**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION GIVE  
FIRST PRIORITY TO SUPPORTING AND PASSING THE DEFENSE  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL FIRST.

WHEREAS, the security of the nation and people is the  
first and foremost obligation of the United States federal  
government; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the United States armed  
forces now serving in the army, navy, air force, marine corps,  
coast guard, merchant marines, national guard and reserves have  
shown great courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be  
equipped with the best weapons and resources to protect the  
nation; and

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1           WHEREAS, in past years politicians have delayed passing  
2 the defense appropriations bill until late in the budget year  
3 so that the defense appropriations bill has been misused as a  
4 dumping ground for pork barrel spending and as a political  
5 hostage to pork barrel spending in other appropriations bills;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September  
8 11, 2001 on America, President George W. Bush asked that  
9 congress pass the defense appropriations bill before passing  
10 other spending bills; and

11           WHEREAS, congress acted responsibly in the 2002, 2003,  
12 2004 and 2005 budgets when it passed the defense appropriations  
13 bill first, thereby protecting the men and women in the armed  
14 forces from becoming pawns for politicians' spending maneuvers;

15           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that congress be  
17 commended for making the nation's defense its first priority in  
18 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 and that the members of the New  
19 Mexico congressional delegation be requested to continue this  
20 important tradition by passing and enacting the defense  
21 appropriations bill before all other spending bills in 2006 and  
22 in future years; and

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to each member of the New Mexico congressional  
25 delegation.

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