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SENATE MEMORIAL 1

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2008

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO
CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF NAVAJO ROUTE
55 AND TO SCHEDULE THE IMPROVEMENT OF NAVAJO ROUTE 55 TO
INTERSTATE 40 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WHEREAS, reliable access to the Alamo chapter of the
Navajo Nation from Albuquerque may now be accomplished only
through an approximately one-hundred-twenty-five-mile drive
through Socorro and Magdalena via interstate 25, United States
route 60 and New Mexico route 169; and

WHEREAS, access north of the Alamo chapter of the Navajo
Nation via Navajo route 55 is difficult under the best
conditions and all but impossible during inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, reliable road access from the Alamo chapter of
the Navajo Nation north to New Mexico route 6 and interstate 40

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1 will benefit the health, safety and welfare of residents of the
2 Alamo chapter and other portions of Socorro and Valencia
3 counties by drastically reducing the travel times for medical
4 and other emergency services available in Albuquerque; and

5 WHEREAS, in a time of rapidly increasing gas and diesel
6 fuel prices, reliable road access from the Alamo chapter of the
7 Navajo Nation north to New Mexico route 6 and interstate 40
8 will dramatically reduce the expense of travel from the Alamo
9 chapter to Albuquerque and points west via interstate 25; and

10 WHEREAS, reliable road access from the Alamo chapter of
11 the Navajo Nation north to New Mexico route 6 and interstate 40
12 will help to open up large areas of Socorro and Valencia
13 counties to economic development;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
15 OF NEW MEXICO that the United States bureau of Indian affairs
16 be requested to conduct a feasibility study for the improvement
17 of Navajo route 55 from the chapter house of the Alamo chapter
18 of the Navajo Nation north to New Mexico route 6 and interstate
19 40 and to schedule the improvement of Navajo route 55 from the
20 chapter house of the Alamo chapter of the Navajo Nation north
21 to New Mexico route 6 and interstate 40 at the earliest
22 possible opportunity; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the regional director of the Navajo regional
25 office of the bureau of Indian affairs, United States Senator

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1 Pete V. Domenici, United States Senator Jeff Bingaman, United
2 States Representative Steve Pearce, the president of the Navajo
3 Nation, the speaker of the Navajo Nation council, the
4 chairperson of the transportation and community development
5 committee of the Navajo Nation council, the New Mexico
6 secretary of transportation and the chairpersons of the Socorro
7 county commission and the Valencia county commission.

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