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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 5

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING FULL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CLEANUP OF AREA G IN LOS
ALAMOS.

WHEREAS, area G on the Los Alamos national laboratory
property remains a prime focus of media and public concern; and

WHEREAS, the summer of 2012 was marked by the one-
thousandth transuranic waste shipment from Los Alamos to the
waste isolation pilot plant near Carlsbad; and

WHEREAS, every Los Alamos shipping record was shattered in
2012; and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos met all regulatory milestones in 2012;
and

WHEREAS, area G on the Los Alamos national laboratory
property originally contained three thousand seven hundred six
cubic meters of aboveground, non-cemented, dispersible

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1 transuranic waste; and

2 WHEREAS, area G on the Los Alamos national laboratory
3 property still contains approximately two thousand six hundred
4 cubic meters of aboveground, non-cemented, dispersible
5 transuranic waste; and

6 WHEREAS, various local government, tribal government and
7 business leaders traveled to Washington, DC, in 2012 to lend
8 support for funding clean-up efforts at the laboratory; and

9 WHEREAS, the governor's office has made the cleanup of
10 area G its highest environmental priority; and

11 WHEREAS, to ensure public health and safety, removal of
12 the remaining waste at area G should be the United States
13 department of energy's highest priority;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that congress be requested to fully fund
16 completion of cleanup and remediation of area G; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States department
18 of energy be requested to provide a status report to the
19 radioactive and hazardous materials committee during the 2013
20 legislative interim; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the
23 United States secretary of energy, the director of Los Alamos
24 national laboratory and the governor.