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**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SUPPORT NEW MEXICO'S TRADE WITH MEXICO BY INCREASING INFRASTRUCTURE AND EXTENDING HOURS OF OPERATION AT THE SANTA TERESA PORT OF ENTRY.

WHEREAS, New Mexico led the nation in growth in exports to Mexico in 2014, with a ninety-three percent increase in the value of the state's exports, and New Mexico has more than doubled its total exports over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, the Las Cruces metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the United States office of management and budget, led the nation in the increase of exports during the last three years, representing a two hundred ten percent increase; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington metropolitan statistical area was ranked second in the nation for its one hundred forty percent

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1 increase in exports; and

2 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe metropolitan statistical area was  
3 ranked fifth in the nation for its one hundred two percent  
4 increase in exports; and

5 WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of Dona Ana county's  
6 exports are exported to Mexico, and approximately sixty-five  
7 percent, or one-billion-dollars (\$1,000,000,000) worth, of New  
8 Mexico's total exports to Mexico originate in Santa Teresa; and

9 WHEREAS, more than one-billion-dollars (\$1,000,000,000)  
10 worth of products cross the Santa Teresa port of entry each  
11 month; and

12 WHEREAS, during the first half of 2015, the state's  
13 exports to Mexico increased by seventy-eight percent compared  
14 to exports to Mexico in 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, the increase in the state's exports to Mexico  
16 creates beneficial opportunities for the state via new tax  
17 assessment bases and opportunities for local suppliers, new  
18 commercial bases and the creation of higher paying export-based  
19 jobs;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United  
22 States department of homeland security be requested to support  
23 New Mexico in its trade with Mexico through the Santa Teresa  
24 port of entry by:

25 A. providing for additional port infrastructure,

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1 including the installation of additional commercial and private  
2 vehicle port traffic lanes;

3 B. extending the hours of operation at the port to  
4 12:00 a.m. to align with the hours of operation at the two El  
5 Paso commercial ports of entry;

6 C. establishing twenty-four-hours-per-day operation  
7 at the port for private vehicle traffic through the port; and

8 D. dedicating additional personnel or personnel  
9 hours to the port to allow for extended hours of operation; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States department  
11 of homeland security consider whether the above support could  
12 be achieved through a federal public-private partnership  
13 through which private entities and local governments share  
14 expenses; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and to  
17 the secretary of homeland security for the United States.