

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 126

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 RECOMMENDING THAT NEW MEXICO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE "CHILE  
12 VERDE ROCK" SONG AS THE OFFICIAL NEW MEXICO CHILE SONG.

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14 WHEREAS, the legislature has recognized, in addition to  
15 "O, Fair New Mexico", certain songs that musically capture the  
16 beauty, culture and character of this state; and

17 WHEREAS, the legislature has adopted a Spanish-language  
18 state song, a state bilingual song, a state ballad and a state  
19 cowboy song; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico does not have an official song about  
21 chile, a recognized official vegetable of New Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, as one of the most delicious vegetables known to  
23 humankind, chile deserves recognition; and

24 WHEREAS, Uvaldo Olonia, a native of Taos, New Mexico, has  
25 composed a musical tribute to chile that is worthy of bringing

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1 to this humble vegetable the accolades it deserves; and

2 WHEREAS, a tribute in the form of a rock and roll song is  
3 a fitting way to recognize this spicy vegetable; and

4 WHEREAS, the words of "Chile Verde Rock", written by  
5 Uvaldo Olonia, are as follows:

6 "(first verse)

7 It comes down from Hatch and grown in Chimayo  
8 Spread'n like a fever all across New Mexico  
9 A national food treasure; the green chile crop  
10 In New Mexico we love our green chile hot

11 (chorus)

12 The chile verde rock, roasted in a drum  
13 Red chile ristras, drying in the sun  
14 Red or green? Christmas ... mild or hot  
15 Do'n a little thing called the chile verde rock

16 (second verse)

17 It comes from Socorro and grown in Rodeo  
18 They cook it up in Gallup in a pot real slow  
19 Carnitas, papitas, chicharrones in the pot  
20 Matanzas in Belen we love our chiles hot

21 (chorus)

22 The chile verde rock, roasted in a drum  
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(third verse)

Down in Albuquerque where the chile grows  
Up to Santa Fe where the red chile flows  
Hot like a fire running wild in the woods  
From Taos to Tucumcari, it taste so good

(chorus)

The chile verde rock, roasted in a drum  
Red chile ristras, drying in the sun  
Red or green? Christmas ... mild or hot  
Do'n a little thing called the chile verde rock

(fourth verse)

When you want some famous New Mexico cuisine  
Take a ride to Tia Ginny's and you'll taste what I

mean

A New Mexico tradition, art and soul  
Green chile crop a big Hispanic role

(chorus)

The chile verde rock, roasted in a drum  
Red chile ristras, drying in the sun  
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