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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 47

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

NICK L. SALAZAR

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO FUND AGING PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN
ELDERS AT THE AUTHORIZED LEVELS AS THEY REAUTHORIZE THE OLDER
AMERICANS ACT OF 1965.

WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act of 1965 is due for
reauthorization during the current session of the United States
congress; and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Older Americans Act of 1965
embodies the responsibilities that are an integral part of the
sovereign relationship between the tribes and the federal
government; and

WHEREAS, the White House conference on aging has, by
resolution, proposed a comprehensive plan of action to address
the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native elders; and

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native programs are

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1 targeted for greater funding reductions than other elder
2 programs; and

3 WHEREAS, the cumulative effect of federal budget cuts in
4 aging programs, health and human service programs,
5 medicare/medicaid programs and bureau of Indian affairs and
6 Indian health service programs will have a chilling and
7 devastating impact on the elders in Indian communities in New
8 Mexico;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, when the United States congress
11 reauthorizes the Older Americans Act of 1965, a separate title
12 be maintained for programs serving Native Americans; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that American Indian and Alaska
14 Native programs under Title VI should not be subject to a
15 disproportionate share of funding reductions greater than that
16 of programs under Title III for all other elders; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that programs serving Native
18 American elders address the needs detailed in the White House
19 conference on aging resolution from Native American delegates
20 and be funded at the authorized levels; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the congressional delegation of New Mexico, the
23 state agency on aging, the Navajo area agency on aging and the
24 Indian area agency on aging.

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FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 5, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Lujan, Nicely, Olguin, Pederson, Rodella, R. G.

Sanchez,

S. M. Williams

Absent: None

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FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 10, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairwoman

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