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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 62

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

INTRODUCED BY

CISCO MCSORLEY

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT
PROMPT APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL FEDERAL CULTURAL AGENCIES,
INCLUDING THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES, THE
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS, THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC
BROADCASTING, THE INSTITUTE FOR MUSEUM SERVICES AND THE
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody the diverse
cultures of New Mexico and are the source of our cultural and
spiritual identities and the fabric of our community life and
traditional sources of strength for our families through
generations; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities are the foundations of our
cultural institutions and resources that contribute
significantly to the economy of our state, providing a primary

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1 reason for tourism in New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, over fifty New Mexico towns, cities and
3 communities benefit from services and programming provided by
4 funding from these federal cultural agencies, and in 1995 over
5 five million dollars (\$5,000,000) was distributed from these
6 agencies throughout New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, disruption to continued funding for these federal
8 cultural agencies seriously harms arts, humanities and cultural
9 programs in New Mexico and would seriously damage our economy;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, these federal cultural agencies provide funding
12 for both large and small cultural organizations in New Mexico,
13 which generate over one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) in
14 economic activity; and

15 WHEREAS, cultural tourism is the fastest growing economic
16 market in the country and is repeatedly cited by visitors as the
17 leading reason for visiting a community and is especially
18 important throughout New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, funding for these federal cultural agencies
20 assures broad access to arts, humanities and cultural activities
21 in rural and urban areas guaranteeing New Mexicans, regardless
22 of income, the opportunity to participate and seek their
23 livelihood in cultural activities; and

24 WHEREAS, each year programs and services produced by
25 funding from these federal cultural agencies provide educational

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1 opportunities for New Mexico's schoolchildren;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the congressional delegation be
4 encouraged to support prompt passage of the appropriation bills
5 or specially targeted appropriations to ensure funding at levels
6 agreed to by the conference committees for all federal cultural
7 agencies, including the national endowment for the humanities,
8 the national endowment for the arts, the corporation for public
9 broadcasting, the institute for museum services and the
10 Smithsonian institutions; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent
12 to members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, Senators
13 Pete V. Domenici and Jeff Bingaman and Representatives Bill
14 Richardson, Joe Skeen and Steven H. Schiff.

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 8, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted _____

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4 The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 9

6 Excused: Knowles, Lujan, Nicely, Ryan, J. G. Taylor, Wallach

7 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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The roll call vote was 7 For 4 Against

Yes: 7
No: Hobbs, Macko, Roberts, Wallace
Excused: None
Absent: None

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