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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 57

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

INTRODUCED BY

JOHN PINTO

A JOINT MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO NATION'S REQUEST FOR THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INCLUDE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1997 INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET FOR THE PHASE III STAFFING OF SEVENTY-TWO FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES FOR THE NORTHERN NAVAJO MEDICAL CENTER IN SHIPROCK.

WHEREAS, the construction of the northern Navajo medical center was completed in the fall of 1994, and the center opened for operation in February 1995, having been in the planning stages for many years; and

WHEREAS, the northern Navajo medical center was funded and constructed to replace a smaller, crowded and old facility and to meet the growing demands for health and medical care in its service area that has a current population of forty-five thousand people but which is increasing annually at a rate of

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1 three percent; and

2 WHEREAS, the northern Navajo medical center opened with the  
3 same level of staff as the old facility, although additional  
4 staff had been approved, the effect of which was to allow use of  
5 fifty beds out of the seventy-five available, solely due to  
6 staff limitations; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States congress and the Indian health  
8 service agreed to phase in three hundred fifty-seven additional  
9 full-time-equivalent staff positions over three fiscal years,  
10 specifically 1995, 1996 and 1997; and

11 WHEREAS, although funds were appropriated in fiscal year  
12 1995 for one hundred seventy full-time-equivalent positions and  
13 in fiscal year 1996 for one hundred fifteen full-time-equivalent  
14 employees, with current budget reductions expected within all  
15 federal programs, the likelihood of funding for all three  
16 hundred fifty-seven additional positions is minimal;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it support the Navajo nation's request  
19 for the United States congress to include five million dollars  
20 (\$5,000,000) in the fiscal year 1997 Indian health service  
21 budget for the phase III staffing of seventy-two full-time-  
22 equivalent employees for the northern Navajo medical center in  
23 Shiprock; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the United States congress.

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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your RULES COMMI TTEE, to whom has been referred  
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
15 INDIAN AND CULTURAL AFFAI RS COMMI TTEE.  
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your INDIAN & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom  
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

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Excused: Chavez, Kysar, Maes

Absent: None

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