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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 62

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND THE NATURAL
RESOURCES TRUSTEE TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT TERRERO
MINE IS CLEANED UP AND REMEDIATED.

WHEREAS, the department of environment has worked
tirelessly and diligently to see that Terrero mine is cleaned up
and remediated; and

WHEREAS, water quality in the area around Terrero and the
communities downstream as far as Pecos has been seriously
degraded; and

WHEREAS, public health is threatened until all
contamination has been remediated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of environment be
commended for its diligence in seeing that the environmental

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1 impacts from Terrero mine are cleaned up and contamination is
2 remediated; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of environment
4 continue its efforts in behalf of residents in the area and that
5 among these efforts the department pursue the following:

- 6 A. the testing of village wells;
- 7 B. geologic tests by Amax;
- 8 C. the drilling of a second well;
- 9 D. extension of water lines to the landfill and mine site,
10 including materials and labor;
- 11 E. connection of residents to the lines; and
- 12 F. reimbursement of private well owners whose wells are
13 not valid; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the secretary of environment and to the natural
16 resources trustee.