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HOUSE MEMORIAL 9

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

GARY K. KING

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT
FIELD OFFICES TO SERVICE CITIZENS OF NEW MEXICO THROUGHOUT THE
STATE.

WHEREAS, the legislature has appropriated money to maintain
field offices by the various state agencies in order to provide
services throughout the state, especially in rural areas where
citizens may face special hardships in obtaining the services of
state agencies; and

WHEREAS, department of health services in particular
directly affect citizens' health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, proposals are before this legislature to reduce
the level of service by eliminating department of health field
offices; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the department of health is

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1 proposing to close its offices in district 50, in Estancia and
2 Moriarty; and

3 WHEREAS, these offices are extremely important to Torrance
4 county residents; and

5 WHEREAS, if the offices in Torrance county are closed it
6 will mean that the county loses the benefits of the drug-free
7 program and the community emergency fund, which the department
8 of health administers, and that the maternal and child health
9 care grants will be affected;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
12 of health be requested to maintain its field offices in Estancia
13 and Moriarty and other rural areas of the state to optimize
14 services to those citizens most needful of and benefited by
15 them;

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the secretary of health.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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March 13, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC 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,

Gary King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Johnson, Rios, Sandel, Vigil

Absent: None

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