HOUSE MEMORIAL 42

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

James Roger Madalena

A MEMORIAL

ACKNOWLEDGING THE NAME CHANGE OF THE NAVAJO NATION CHAPTER
FORMERLY CALLED CANONCITO AND NOW TO BE KNOWN AS THE
TO'HAJIILEE CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION.

WHEREAS, the Navajo chapter formerly called Canoncito is
located about forty minutes west of Albuquerque and north of
interstate 40; and

WHEREAS, the name "Canoncito", a Spanish word meaning
"little canyon", was bestowed on the residents of that Navajo
chapter by President Harry S. Truman and the United States
congress when congress recognized the "Canoncito Band of
Navajo Indians"; and

WHEREAS, the people living in the area known as Canoncito
have traditionally called the place where they live
To'Hajiilee, or "the place where the water is drawn up"; and

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1   WHEREAS, the students in a law class at the To'Hajiilee

2   community high school researched the name of their community

3   and petitioned the Canoncito chapter and then the Navajo

4   Nation council to concur in the change of the name of the

5   community to its traditional name; and

6   WHEREAS, the Canoncito chapter and the Navajo Nation

7   council have concurred and endorsed the change of name; and

8   WHEREAS, the support of the house of representatives of

9   New Mexico is requested in acknowledging the name change of

10   the Canoncito Navajo chapter to the To'Hajiilee Navajo

11   chapter;

12   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

13   REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it acknowledge

14   the change of name of the Canoncito Navajo chapter to the

15   To'Hajiilee Navajo chapter and acknowledge the effort of the

16   students at To'Hajiilee community high school in working to

17   restore the true Navajo name to their chapter; and

18   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state change highway and

19   road signs, maps and any other public documents printed by the

20   state to reflect the Navajo chapter of To'Hajiilee; and

21   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States department

22   of the interior be requested to acknowledge the change of name

23   of the To'Hajiilee chapter of the Navajo Nation; and

24   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

25   transmitted to the chapter president of the To'Hajiilee

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1 chapter of the Navajo Nation, the secretary of the interior,

2 the secretary of highway and transportation and the speaker of

3 the Navajo Nation council.

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Mr. Speaker:

Your **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES 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,

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James Roger Madalena, Chairman

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Adopted _____   Not Adopted _____

(Chief Clerk)   (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was <u>8</u> For <u>0</u> Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Garcia, Vickers

Absent: None

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