

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

HOUSE MEMORIAL 6

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

INTRODUCED BY
Gail C. Beam

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE HUNGER
RELIEF ACT AND THE FOOD STAMP OUTREACH AND RESEARCH FOR KIDS
ACT.

WHEREAS, the legislature is concerned about the many New
Mexicans living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, people living in poverty often have difficulty
providing food for their families; and

WHEREAS, the need for food is basic to human existence;
and

WHEREAS, providers of emergency food report sharp
increases in requests for food and are unable to adequately
meet the need for food; and

WHEREAS, participation in the federal food stamp program
is a means for low-income families to be able to purchase
food; and

.131593.1

underscored material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 WHEREAS, the United States general accounting office has
2 reported that over the past few years the participation in
3 the food stamp program declined twenty-seven percent while
4 the number of people living in poverty declined only seven
5 percent; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico has also experienced a decline in
7 food stamp utilization while the number of people living in
8 poverty has not declined; and

9 WHEREAS, a bipartisan effort to address the need to
10 expand food stamp utilization is being made in the United
11 States congress through the introduction of legislation
12 addressing this crucial issue;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it urge the
15 United States congress to pass the Hunger Relief Act and the
16 Food Stamp Outreach and Research for Kids Act; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature of the state
18 of New Mexico urge the president of the United States to sign
19 the Hunger Relief Act and the Food Stamp Outreach and
20 Research for Kids Act into law upon passage by congress; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional
23 delegation and to the president of the United States.