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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO RISK THEIR LIVES IN  
PURSUIT OF THE PROMISE OF A BETTER LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES  
AND REQUESTING THE PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO TO SUPPORT THE PLIGHT  
OF ALL IMMIGRANTS.

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants  
that has drawn its strength from the diversity, determination  
and compassion of its people; and

WHEREAS, for generations, immigrants have risked all  
they have in this life, leaving behind their possessions,  
their homes and sometimes family, in exchange for the  
opportunity to build a better life on American soil; and

WHEREAS, in search of a better life for themselves and  
their posterity, immigrants created a United States that has  
become the standard-bearer of democracy and economic  
prosperity; and

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1           WHEREAS, the United States remains a promised land for  
2 those determined to work their way out of the ravages of  
3 poverty, those seeking the freedom of a democratic society  
4 and those fleeing the hand of political, racial and religious  
5 persecution; and

6           WHEREAS, more than twenty men, women and children  
7 suffered serious injuries and risked their lives when the  
8 vehicle carrying them through southern New Mexico to the hope  
9 of economic security flipped, resulting in one death in  
10 January 2000; and

11           WHEREAS, for thirteen immigrants, the pursuit of the  
12 United States' promise ended in tragedy when the vehicle into  
13 which they were crowded collided with a semi-trailer as they  
14 traveled through New Mexico on a brutally cold night in  
15 December 1999; and

16           WHEREAS, the Albuquerque border city project has created  
17 a fund to provide family support for the victims and legal  
18 support for the survivors of the December accident;

19           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in  
21 appreciation of the wealth of opportunity and prosperity that  
22 this nation has offered the citizens of New Mexico,  
23 compassion be expressed for those who died in New Mexico on  
24 their journey to a land that promised a better life and for  
25 all people who have given their lives in pursuit of the  
inherently human values that have called us together to form  
this nation of immigrants; and

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