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

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO ENACT THE CONSERVATION AND
REINVESTMENT ACT AND MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE LAND AND
WATER CONSERVATION FUND AT ITS AUTHORIZED LEVEL.

WHEREAS, congress established the Land and Water
Conservation Fund Act, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery
Act and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act as means
of investing in the environment and in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the challenges of maintaining and preserving
New Mexico's unique wildlife habitat and outdoor recreational
opportunities are becoming increasingly difficult; and

WHEREAS, human demands are increasing for recreational
pursuits, economic benefits, community bonding and caring for
the environment; and

WHEREAS, all these demands on the environment exemplify
the need to invest carefully in enhancements to our quality

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1 of life; and

2 WHEREAS, congress is considering enactment of the
3 Conservation and Reinvestment Act to finance the land and
4 water conservation fund and other programs with federal
5 offshore mineral leasing revenues to enhance our communities'
6 quality of life; and

7 WHEREAS, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act will
8 conserve open space and acquire natural areas for
9 preservation as population increases and rapid changes occur
10 in land use and availability; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico has immensely benefited in the past
12 from acquisition of land for and creation of neighborhood
13 parks, open space, wildlife habitat, baseball parks, soccer
14 fields, picnic areas, bike trails, playgrounds and scenic
15 areas and the preservation of cultural sites; and

16 WHEREAS, the land and water conservation fund can be
17 used to acquire conservation easements for habitat
18 conservation and provision of recreational opportunities for
19 New Mexico citizens; and

20 WHEREAS, these investments serve as economic catalysts,
21 benefiting the community and the environment;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that congress be requested to enact the
24 Conservation and Reinvestment Act and in future
25 appropriations to fund the land and water conservation fund
at its authorized level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the
2 president and the council on environmental quality.

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