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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 75

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ASSIST
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS NATIONWIDE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THEIR
INFRASTRUCTURES.

WHEREAS, our nation is comprised of communities of varying
sizes and vast numbers of Americans live and raise children in
small communities, some where their families have resided with
pride for generations; and

WHEREAS, many local governments are in dire need of
improvements of their infrastructure in order for their
citizens to enjoy the amenities and quality of life experienced
in large cities; and

WHEREAS, it can be at best difficult and at worst
impossible for local governments, particularly those with

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1 smaller populations, to obtain the necessary financing, by way
2 of securing loans, required to pay for much-needed projects
3 that would improve their infrastructures; and

4 WHEREAS, even the most basic improvements such as
5 construction or repair of curbs and gutters can be financially
6 out of reach for local governments; and

7 WHEREAS, in some locations, residents are affected
8 severely and on a regular basis by water drainage and run-off
9 problems stemming from antiquated systems in dire need of
10 updating and modernizing; and

11 WHEREAS, infrastructure improvements such as street
12 paving, drainage systems, water supply systems and erosion
13 prevention, to name only a few, are extremely costly; and

14 WHEREAS, the lack of funds to make these types of
15 improvements can impede a small community's ability to sustain
16 its existence or growth; and

17 WHEREAS, the states are not always financially able to
18 appropriate funds for infrastructure needs to the local
19 governments within their boundaries;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be
22 requested to appropriate funds to assist local governments
23 nationwide with much-needed infrastructure improvements; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico congressional
25 delegation be requested to join the delegations from other

1 states to introduce and pass legislation to provide funding to
2 local governments nationwide for their infrastructure
3 improvements; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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