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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DEDICATE A WALL NEAR THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA FOR A FREEDOM SHRINE.

WHEREAS, the south valley exchange club has placed freedom shrines throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, a freedom shrine places before young Americans and all Americans documentation that the freedoms we enjoy today did not come easily or cheaply; and

WHEREAS, copies of documents such as the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Paris, the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Gettysburg Address and many other documents express the highest principles and best intentions of those who have shaped American history; and

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WHEREAS, thousands of freedom shrines can be found throughout the United States, including Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, freedom shrines are valuable tools for teaching history and government to young and old alike; and

WHEREAS, the south valley exchange club wishes to donate a freedom shrine to the capitol for the benefit of all who visit the state capitol of New Mexico;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council identify a wall of the capitol near the rotunda on which a freedom shrine can be placed permanently; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the New Mexico legislative council and to the leadership of the south valley exchange club.