

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CAPITOL RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING WHETHER A FREEDOM SHRINE SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE CAPITOL.

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

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; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislative council has created a capitol recognition subcommittee to consider and make

recommendations to the legislature on requests to honor New Mexicans with suitable displays in the capitol, and it would be appropriate for the subcommittee to review and make a recommendation on whether the freedom shrine should be placed in the capitol;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council capitol recognition subcommittee be requested to review the freedom shrine that the south valley exchange club wishes to donate to the capitol, and that the subcommittee make a recommendation to the legislature concerning the placement of the freedom shrine in the capitol; 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.