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HOUSE MEMORIAL 3

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

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A MEMORIAL

**CONDEMNING ACTS OF RACIAL VIOLENCE UPON CITIZENS AND GUESTS IN
NEW MEXICO IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON UNITED
STATES TERRITORY ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.**

**WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the United States of
America was the target of the worst terrorist attack in its
history; and**

**WHEREAS, this attack was promoted by parties opposed to
free expression and free association and who are consumed with
ignorance and hatred; and**

**WHEREAS, the United States was founded upon and continues
to embody the self-evident truth that all people are manifest
equal in the eyes of the Creator; and**

**WHEREAS, the United States has in large measure derived
its unprecedented strength from the diversity of its peoples**

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1 and from the invigoration of immigrants possessed of a
2 spiritual fire to be free and to achieve their potential in a
3 society that is not only tolerant of but embraces and protects
4 their faiths, traditions and talents; and

5 WHEREAS, just as the world has shared in the triumphs of
6 the United States, so now it also shares in its sorrow with
7 over forty other nations having lost citizens in the events of
8 September 11, 2001; and

9 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of this terrorist attack there
10 have been reports of United States citizens assaulting other
11 United States citizens and guests, based solely on their race,
12 in anger over the events; and

13 WHEREAS, these assaults, having no basis other than race,
14 have no place in a free and open society and, like the
15 terrorist attacks, are not attributable to justifiable anger
16 but rather to ignorance and hatred, which are both blind and
17 without justification; and

18 WHEREAS, the true nature of the American people has been
19 demonstrated by their overwhelming ability to unite across all
20 ethnic, cultural, linguistic, religious, political and other
21 lines in the face of adversity and to condemn those who would
22 foster fear and hatred where love and unity must prevail;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that such racial
25 assaults upon United States citizens and guests be

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1 unequivocally condemned and that they cease immediately; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such assaults and related
3 heinous acts be prosecuted to the full extent of the law; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 sent to the state attorney general, to each district attorney
6 and to the heads of law enforcement agencies in each political
7 subdivision of the state.

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