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1 we lived before the attack to demonstrate that the United
2 States will not be defeated by terrorists' actions; and

3 WHEREAS, the right to travel freely throughout the United
4 States is a right we not only cherish as a people but is also
5 a right upon which many airlines, travel and entertainment-
6 related companies depend for financial solvency; and

7 WHEREAS, autumn is the busiest time of the year for
8 convention travel, but, following the attack, conventions and
9 meetings of all sizes are being canceled, a trend that some
10 analysts predict may cost the travel industry billions of
11 dollars; and

12 WHEREAS, in just a few days following the terrorist
13 attack of September 11, 2001, airlines across the country
14 collectively lost hundreds of millions of dollars and stand to
15 lose billions of dollars as a result of the unprecedented
16 shutdown of the nation's air travel system and the reluctance
17 of American travelers to journey by air; and

18 WHEREAS, it is critical for the financial and emotional
19 health of the United States, including the state of New
20 Mexico, that the airline industry, from which countless
21 Americans directly and indirectly earn their livings, upon
22 which all of us depend to a certain degree and to which the
23 world looks for stability, be financially solvent and remain
24 as a cornerstone of the American economy and way of life; and

25 WHEREAS, the air travel industry's financial troubles may

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1 disproportionately impact less populated states like New
2 Mexico through a reduction in competition and availability of
3 service; and

4 WHEREAS, smaller, regional airports that depend more
5 heavily on discount airlines and shuttle operations could find
6 their operations more heavily impacted by heightened security;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, congress is considering approving financial aid
9 for the airline industry;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the president and the congress of the
12 United States be urged to approve financial support for the
13 airline industry; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
15 transmitted to New Mexico's congressional delegation with a
16 request that copies be forwarded to all members of congress
17 and to the president of the United States.