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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 86**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO INCLUDE TRAFFIC CONTROL AND DRAINAGE PROBLEMS AT THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 84/285 AND NEW MEXICO HIGHWAY 30 IN THE CITY OF ESPANOLA AS A HIGH PRIORITY IN ITS FIVE-YEAR PLAN.**

**WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department recognizes the need to make improvements at the intersection of United States highway 285/84 and New Mexico highway 30 in Espanola for the safety of the residents of the Espanola valley; and**

**WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department has programmed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for reconstruction of this intersection in its statewide transportation improvement plan; and**

**WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department**

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1 is scheduled to start the design and construction of the  
2 project improving the intersection within the next twelve  
3 months; and

4 WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department  
5 recognizes the need for additional improvements for traffic  
6 control and improved drainage at the intersection that were  
7 omitted from the statewide transportation improvement plan;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, one additional improvement needed is the  
10 realignment of a major arterial through Espanola, Railroad  
11 avenue, with New Mexico highway 30 at the United States  
12 highway 285/84 intersection; and

13 WHEREAS, another improvement omitted from the statewide  
14 transportation improvement plan is the replacement of the  
15 existing drainage at the intersection of United States highway  
16 285/84 and New Mexico highway 30, so that the storm water that  
17 enters the intersection can be readily diverted from the  
18 roadway; and

19 WHEREAS, a final improvement omitted from the statewide  
20 transportation improvement plan is the acquisition of rights  
21 of way and easements needed to complete the improvements to  
22 this intersection;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway commission be  
25 requested to provide the necessary funding for all of the

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1 needed elements of the project to improve and reconstruct the  
2 intersection of United States highway 285/84 at New Mexico  
3 highway 30, including improving storm water drainage and  
4 traffic control measures; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the chairman of the state highway commission,  
7 the secretary of highway and transportation and the district  
8 five engineer of the state highway and transportation  
9 department.