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

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A MEMORIAL

COMMENDING THE STUDENTS OF GALLUP JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR
STUDY OF NEW MEXICO STATE LAWS AND THEIR CIVIC-MINDED
PROACTIVENESS; REQUESTING THAT A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOWERING THE AGE TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S
PERMIT FROM FIFTEEN TO FOURTEEN.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 66-5-5 NMSA 1978 the motor
vehicle division may issue "an instruction permit to a person
fifteen years of age or over who is enrolled in and attending
or has completed a driver education course that includes a DWI
education and prevention component approved by the bureau or
offered by a public school"; and

WHEREAS, responsible youths of our state who are fourteen
years of age who may live in rural areas and who may be
members of households with elderly, disabled or otherwise

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1 incapacitated members may find it necessary to drive a vehicle
2 in an emergency situation or in order to attend school or to
3 assist the household in essential chores and responsibilities;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the students
6 of Gallup junior high school be commended for raising this
7 important issue before the legislature; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate legislative
9 committee be requested to make recommendations as to whether
10 the age for obtaining a driver's permit should be lowered from
11 fifteen to fourteen.