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1           WHEREAS, the day school building, built in 1966, was saved  
2 from demolition and renovated in 1984, has been used with  
3 several portable buildings to house the eighty-seven students  
4 in grades kindergarten through third grade and offices for  
5 staff members; and

6           WHEREAS, the school also houses an Indian health services  
7 field clinic providing health care services for the children  
8 and the adults of the community of Sanostee; and

9           WHEREAS, inspection of the Sanostee day school in 2003  
10 indicated that all of the structural concrete beams and two  
11 concrete piers were cracked and unsafe and many of the walls of  
12 the school are cracked and replacement of the building was  
13 recommended by the bureau of Indian affairs facilities manager;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, the condition of the schools has been studied and  
16 evaluated for over two years and findings are available that  
17 describe the dire condition of the Sanostee day school and  
18 request that the school be placed at the top of the bureau of  
19 Indian affairs facilities construction list; and

20           WHEREAS, the proposal for a short-term solution involves  
21 providing additional temporary buildings while construction is  
22 begun on a permanent building at a different location so that  
23 the structural problems can be avoided in the future; and

24           WHEREAS, in spite of the unhealthy and unsafe conditions  
25 of the facility around them, the students at the Sanostee day

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1 school were recognized for their high achievement in 2003;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional  
4 delegation be urged to immediately identify funding that will  
5 help provide temporary school buildings for the Sanostee day  
6 school; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico congressional  
8 delegation also be urged to identify funding for the  
9 construction of a new day school for the Navajo community of  
10 Sanostee; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico congressional  
12 delegation be urged to ensure that the bureau of Indian affairs  
13 take immediate action to rectify the unsafe conditions at the  
14 Sanostee day school and enable the students to continue to  
15 attend school in their community by making the Sanostee day  
16 school improvements a facilities construction priority; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional  
19 delegation, the director of the bureau of Indian affairs  
20 facilities management and construction office in Shiprock, New  
21 Mexico, the area director of the Navajo regional Indian health  
22 services office in Gallup, the facilities manager of the Navajo  
23 office of facilities management and construction in Window  
24 Rock, Arizona, and to the chapter officials of the Sanostee  
25 Navajo chapter.

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