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SENATE MEMORIAL 37

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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FOR THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A MEMORIAL

COMMENDING GOVERNOR JOE GARCIA ON HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF  
THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND EXPRESSING THE  
CONGRATULATIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE STATE.

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2005, Joe Garcia, governor of  
Ohkay Owingeh, was elected president of the national congress  
of American Indians at its sixty-second annual meeting in  
Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the national congress of American Indians serves  
tribes throughout the United States as an advocate with the  
federal government, keeping the tribes informed about pending  
federal legislation, and provides a forum for tribal leaders to  
network, share information, develop solutions to the challenges  
faced by all tribes and participate in training to make them  
more effective as tribal leaders and representatives; and

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1           WHEREAS, Governor Garcia, now serving his third  
2 nonconsecutive term as governor of Ohkay Owingeh, is only the  
3 second pueblo governor to be elected president of the national  
4 congress of American Indians since 1944, when the congress was  
5 created; and

6           WHEREAS, Governor Garcia will serve for two years as  
7 president before having to stand for election again; and

8           WHEREAS, Governor Garcia will work with all tribes in the  
9 United States so that they speak with one voice on matters that  
10 are of common concern to them while working at the federal  
11 level to make certain that all legislation affecting tribes  
12 recognizes the different needs and capabilities of each tribe;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, Governor Garcia's belief that the tribes should  
15 be proactive and assertive in relations with the federal  
16 government means that the national congress of American Indians  
17 will take the offensive and seek results that benefit the  
18 tribes rather than express disappointment after policies and  
19 legislation are adopted;

20           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
21 OF NEW MEXICO that Governor Joe Garcia be congratulated for his  
22 election as president of the national congress of American  
23 Indians; and

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Joe Garcia of Ohkay  
25 Owingeh be recognized for his leadership in New Mexico and be

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1 supported in exerting the leadership necessary to achieve  
2 success for Indian tribes throughout the United States; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to Governor Joe Garcia of Ohkay Owingeh.

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