## A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL IMMIGRANT WORKER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, immigrant labor from Mexico has a beneficial effect on New Mexico's economy; and

WHEREAS, immigrant labor from Mexico provides an important resource in many industries prevalent in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, a national immigrant worker program is needed to help facilitate legal access to individuals who are vital in helping to sustain agriculture and other important industries in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, a national immigrant worker program would enable border enforcement efforts to focus resources on the apprehension of national security threats, human smugglers and illegal narcotics transfers; and

WHEREAS, a national immigrant worker program would help prevent the unnecessary loss of life of undocumented immigrants seeking illegal entry into the United States for employment; and

WHEREAS, a national immigrant worker program must also include provisions to protect workers' rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United

States congress be requested to take expeditious action in developing and implementing a national immigrant worker program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to members of New Mexico's congressional delegation and to the president of the United States.