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**URGING THE STATE TO SUPPORT RESEARCH ON CAVERNOUS ANGIOMA, A
DISEASE THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS HISPANIC NEW MEXICANS.**

**WHEREAS, cavernous angioma is a devastating blood disease
that has enormous consequences for those affected and their
families; and**

**WHEREAS, cavernous angiomas are formations in the brain
that cannot be detected easily except through very specific
medical scans; and**

**WHEREAS, cavernous angiomas appear to be passed from one
generation to the next; and**

**WHEREAS, those with a cavernous angioma should not take
blood thinners or aspirin, but are rarely aware that they have
the disease; and**

WHEREAS, cavernous angiomas are more common in New Mexico

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1 than elsewhere because of the concentration of families; and

2 WHEREAS, a person with a cavernous angioma may go
3 undiagnosed until sudden death or stroke;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health, human
6 services department and the board of regents of the university
7 of New Mexico be requested to appoint a committee to study
8 funding levels and new sources of funding to support research
9 on cavernous angioma; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee devise
11 educational campaigns that use the resources available to
12 government agencies and hospitals to inform New Mexicans of
13 the dangers and warning signs of cavernous angioma; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee report to the
15 interim legislative health and human services committee about
16 its findings and its educational efforts by November 2008; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the department of health, the human services
19 department and the board of regents of the university of New
20 Mexico.