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1 through home weatherization programs; and

2 WHEREAS, expenditure for the low-income home energy
3 assistance program is authorized for five billion one hundred
4 million dollars (\$5,100,000,000) in the federal budget, of
5 which two billion two hundred million dollars (\$2,200,000,000)
6 has been appropriated by congress for fiscal year 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, the two billion two hundred million dollars
8 (\$2,200,000,000) appropriated by congress is not adequate to
9 support the winter heating needs of low-income families for
10 the winter of 2006-2007; and

11 WHEREAS, the authorized amount is not sufficient to begin
12 to meet the urgent public health needs in warm-weather states
13 such as New Mexico, which has experienced lethal periods of
14 extreme heat that has killed hundreds of vulnerable members of
15 New Mexico's population in the past year; and

16 WHEREAS, there exists an extensive network of low-income
17 home energy assistance program providers that are public and
18 nonprofit agencies that can efficiently disburse the increased
19 funds resulting from an increased appropriation for the public
20 welfare;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO to call on congress to increase the budget
23 authorization for the low-income home energy assistance
24 program to seven billion dollars (\$7,000,000,000) for fiscal
25 year 2007 and appropriate the entire authorized amount to the

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1 states; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional
4 delegation.

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