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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 SUPPORTING SUNLAND PARK'S EFFORTS TO HAVE THE FEDERAL
12 GOVERNMENT ESTABLISH A VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN, NONCOMMERCIAL
13 CUSTOMS PORT OF ENTRY AT THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER BETWEEN
14 CIUDAD JUAREZ-ANAPRA, MEXICO, AND SUNLAND PARK, NEW MEXICO.

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16 WHEREAS, Sunland Park is located at the southernmost part
17 of Dona Ana county, along the international border with the
18 Republic of Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, Sunland Park has had a federal cattle crossing
20 designation since 1978 and is now preparing necessary documents
21 for consideration by the United States government to establish
22 a vehicle and pedestrian, noncommercial customs port of entry
23 in the immediate proximity of the cattle crossing; and

24 WHEREAS, the establishment of a noncommercial
25 international border crossing at Sunland Park is part of an

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1 overall regional master plan strategy and would dramatically
2 open the paseo del norte border region to binational economic
3 and cultural opportunities and activities; and

4 WHEREAS, recent studies have indicated that a border
5 crossing located at Sunland Park would significantly reduce
6 vehicular congestion and the associated air pollution now
7 affecting the New Mexico-Texas-Chihuahua region caused by the
8 international ports of entry in nearby El Paso, Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, a border crossing located at Sunland Park will
10 enable the municipality to participate in the state's economic
11 development efforts by actively promoting initiatives designed
12 to attract trade, commercial development, tourists and
13 international projects that are currently channeled through the
14 ports of entry in Texas;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it fully endorse and support the
17 establishment of a vehicle and pedestrian, noncommercial
18 customs port of entry at the international border between
19 Ciudad Juarez-Anapra, Mexico, and Sunland Park, New Mexico; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico congressional
21 delegation be requested to actively assist Sunland Park's
22 efforts to have the federal government open a vehicle and
23 pedestrian, noncommercial customs port of entry in Sunland
24 Park; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the city council of Sunland Park and members of
2 the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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