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SENATE MEMORIAL 60

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A MEMORIAL

CONGRATULATING SAN MIGUEL COUNTY FOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PILOT PROJECT FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND PROVIDING
AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE TO ITS UNINSURED PERSONS WITHOUT
INCREASING GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the San Miguel board of county commissioners has
involved itself in a multistate pilot program to benefit the
uninsured; and

WHEREAS, that pilot program makes significant reductions
in rates for health care services and yet requires no new state
funds; and

WHEREAS, through the system, employers and working
taxpayers can budget for health care costs at affordable levels
similar to average rates from five years ago; and

WHEREAS, through the system, providers are able to

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1 substantially discount their rates because they are guaranteed
2 cash flow without long waiting periods or administrative
3 overhead and billing costs; and

4 WHEREAS, the new program also creates a high-risk pool of
5 persons who are not currently insured through seed money from
6 federal grants; and

7 WHEREAS, removing the most expensive cases from the pool
8 reduces the costs for those with less critical needs;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
10 OF NEW MEXICO that the San Miguel county board of commissioners
11 be congratulated for its dedication in finding and carrying out
12 a multistate pilot program that will save its residents money
13 while giving more residents access to health care; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that San Miguel county be
15 encouraged to access federal funds to continue the pilot
16 program; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the San Miguel county board of commissioners,
19 the governor, the secretary of health and the secretary of
20 human services.