

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 39

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING SUPPORT BY THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE FOR THE  
FORMATION OF A PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the unique perspectives and insights of young people, especially young people who have previously participated in public policy-related programs, outreach initiatives, internships or fellowship opportunities, are essential to ensure that investments made by the federal government in youth services are effective and efficient; and

WHEREAS, the existing outreach and engagement mechanisms of the federal government are designed in ways that inhibit participation and lead to the underrepresentation of young people in the policymaking process; and

WHEREAS, numerous members of congress, former governors and the New Mexico legislature have formed the youth alliance;

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2 WHEREAS, the mayors of both Santa Fe and Albuquerque have  
3 youth councils that have proven to be an effective means of  
4 receiving input from young people, which leads to more  
5 effective and efficient policies; and

6 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature calls on the president  
7 of the United States to establish a presidential youth council  
8 to create recommendations that advise the president and the  
9 president's administration on the perspectives of young people,  
10 making public policy-related youth programs more efficient and  
11 effective; and

12 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature recommends that  
13 members of the presidential youth council be youths between the  
14 ages of sixteen and twenty-four who can constructively  
15 contribute to public policy deliberations and conduct outreach  
16 to solicit the views and perspectives of youth peers; and

17 WHEREAS, members of the presidential youth council are to  
18 be appointed by leaders of the majority and minority parties in  
19 the United States house of representatives and the United  
20 States senate, as well as by the president of the United  
21 States;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it support the creation of a  
24 presidential youth council; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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2 and to the campaign for a presidential youth council.

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