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SENATE MEMORIAL 78

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE BERNALILLO COUNTY METROPOLITAN COURT TO  
ESTABLISH A SPECIALTY COURT TO HANDLE ANIMAL ABUSE CASES.

WHEREAS, results from a recent study conducted by the  
animal legal defense fund placed New Mexico in the "worst five  
states for animals" category based on the state's animal  
protection laws; and

WHEREAS, certain actions have been taken to address animal  
abuse in the state, but animal abuse continues to plague the  
state and, specifically, Bernalillo county; and

WHEREAS, numerous psychology, sociology and criminology  
studies have shown a strong correlation between animal abuse  
and human violence; and

WHEREAS, efforts to address animal abuse could have a  
positive effect on preventing other types of violent behavior;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, the Bernalillo county metropolitan court has  
3 established several successful specialty court programs to  
4 address specific needs in the community;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
6 OF NEW MEXICO that the Bernalillo county metropolitan court be  
7 requested to establish a specialty court to handle animal abuse  
8 cases in the court's jurisdiction; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the Bernalillo county metropolitan court and to  
11 the administrative office of the courts.