

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
3 SECURITY SUPPORT NEW MEXICO'S TRADE WITH MEXICO BY INCREASING
4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND EXTENDING HOURS OF OPERATION AT THE SANTA
5 TERESA PORT OF ENTRY.

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7 WHEREAS, New Mexico led the nation in growth in exports
8 to Mexico in 2014, with a ninety-three percent increase in
9 the value of the state's exports, and New Mexico has more
10 than doubled its total exports over the past four years; and

11 WHEREAS, the Las Cruces metropolitan statistical area,
12 as defined by the United States office of management and
13 budget, led the nation in the increase of exports during the
14 last three years, representing a two hundred ten percent
15 increase; and

16 WHEREAS, the Farmington metropolitan statistical area
17 was ranked second in the nation for its one hundred forty
18 percent increase in exports; and

19 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe metropolitan statistical area was
20 ranked fifth in the nation for its one hundred two percent
21 increase in exports; and

22 WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of Dona Ana county's
23 exports are exported to Mexico, and approximately sixty-five
24 percent, or one-billion-dollars (\$1,000,000,000) worth, of
25 New Mexico's total exports to Mexico originate in Santa

1 Teresa; and

2 WHEREAS, more than one-billion-dollars (\$1,000,000,000)
3 worth of products cross the Santa Teresa port of entry each
4 month; and

5 WHEREAS, during the first half of 2015, the state's
6 exports to Mexico increased by seventy-eight percent compared
7 to exports to Mexico in 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, the increase in the state's exports to Mexico
9 creates beneficial opportunities for the state via new tax
10 assessment bases and opportunities for local suppliers, new
11 commercial bases and the creation of higher paying export-
12 based jobs;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United
15 States department of homeland security be requested to
16 support New Mexico in its trade with Mexico through the Santa
17 Teresa port of entry by:

18 A. providing for additional port infrastructure,
19 including the installation of additional commercial and
20 private vehicle port traffic lanes;

21 B. extending the hours of operation at the port to
22 12:00 a.m. to align with the hours of operation at the two El
23 Paso commercial ports of entry;

24 C. establishing twenty-four-hours-per-day
25 operation at the port for private vehicle traffic through the

1 port; and

2 D. dedicating additional personnel or personnel
3 hours to the port to allow for extended hours of operation;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States department
6 of homeland security consider whether the above support could
7 be achieved through a federal public-private partnership
8 through which private entities and local governments share
9 expenses; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and to
12 the secretary of homeland security for the United States.