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HOUSE MEMORIAL 1

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TOURISM TRAIL".

WHEREAS, the tourism department has developed the "New Mexico true trails" campaign to guide tourists in the land of enchantment to uniquely New Mexican experiences; and

WHEREAS, the tourism department promotes tourism trails dedicated to the arts, culinary interests, film locations, ghost towns, architecture and outdoor adventures; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to first-in-the-world science and technology experiments, discoveries and attractions that contribute to the state's uniqueness and desirability as a travel destination; and

WHEREAS, while some of New Mexico's signature science installations, including Los Alamos national laboratory, Sandia

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1 national laboratories and White Sands missile range, are not  
2 open to the public, the communities that host these  
3 installations provide ample opportunities for exploration of  
4 the significant discoveries and contributions to science and  
5 technology that have been born in New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the Trinity site, the Manhattan project national  
7 historic park, Los Alamos' downtown historic district and the  
8 Bradbury science museum in Los Alamos give visitors  
9 opportunities to experience and understand the history of the  
10 Manhattan project's development and testing of the first atomic  
11 bomb and the ongoing technological advances coming out of Los  
12 Alamos national laboratory; and

13 WHEREAS, the national museum of nuclear science and  
14 history in Albuquerque and the White Sands missile range museum  
15 between Las Cruces and Alamogordo provide insights into the  
16 story of the atomic age and research related to nuclear and  
17 defense technologies; and

18 WHEREAS, Thomas Edison perfected a process for extracting  
19 gold from sand in the Ortiz mining district, and the mineral  
20 museum in Socorro delights with over fifteen thousand mineral  
21 specimens from New Mexico and around the world; and

22 WHEREAS, the very large array radio telescope facility  
23 near Socorro, spaceport America near Truth or Consequences and  
24 the Goddard planetarium in Roswell showcase world-class and  
25 cutting-edge explorations into outer space that are helping

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1 humanity understand the universe and the importance of space  
2 science to people's lives; and

3 WHEREAS, only in New Mexico can seekers of truth  
4 investigate the artifacts of "the Roswell incident" and the  
5 possible presence of alien life on earth at the international  
6 UFO museum and research center in Roswell; and

7 WHEREAS, Pluto was discovered by Clyde Tombaugh in bosque  
8 del Apache, and the cosmic campground in Catron county offers  
9 the rare opportunity for amateurs and professionals alike to  
10 study the night sky without the interference of light  
11 pollution; and

12 WHEREAS, inspiration and education on the wonders of  
13 taking to the sky in flight can be found at the Southwest  
14 soaring museum in Moriarty and the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque  
15 international balloon museum in Albuquerque; and

16 WHEREAS, places of scientific and technological interest  
17 abound throughout the state, and visits to these renowned sites  
18 foster not only intrigue, excitement and inspiration, but also  
19 economic opportunities for New Mexico's communities;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state's  
22 science and technology-related history and attractions be  
23 regarded as worthy of promotion as tourist destinations; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tourism department be  
25 requested to develop a "science and technology tourism trail";

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
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