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HOUSE MEMORIAL 41

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO ARRIBA COUNTY TRANSFER THE "ESCUELITA" BUILDING IN THE JUAN BAUTISTA BALDEZ LAND GRANT-MERCED TO THAT LAND GRANT-MERCED TO BE PART OF ITS COMMON LANDS AND USED AS A PUBLIC MEETING PLACE AND FOR OTHER SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, more than forty years ago, the elders of the Juan Bautista Baldez land grant-merced constructed two buildings for the children and youth of their community using locally made adobe bricks and other local materials; and

WHEREAS, one of these buildings was used as a preschool and the other as a recreation center; and

WHEREAS, it is unfortunate that only the preschool building, known locally as the "escuelita", remains standing as a cultural legacy from those community elders for the benefit

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1 of future generations; and

2 WHEREAS, the escuelita was operated for many years by the
3 Jemez Mountain public school district; and

4 WHEREAS, more than twenty years ago, the escuelita
5 building was transferred from the Jemez Mountain public school
6 district to Rio Arriba county; and

7 WHEREAS, Rio Arriba county does not keep the escuelita
8 building open on a daily, year-round basis, and the building is
9 typically opened only at the specific request of someone from
10 the community for a specific event; and

11 WHEREAS, there are very limited facilities in or near the
12 Juan Bautista Baldez land grant-merced that are available as
13 public meeting spaces; and

14 WHEREAS, there are several political subdivisions or
15 special districts of the state and public service organizations
16 within or that work in the Juan Bautista Baldez land grant-
17 merced, including a mutual domestic water association, two
18 acequias, the Canones early childhood center, two grazing
19 associations and the land grant itself;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the board of
22 county commissioners of Rio Arriba county be requested to
23 transfer the escuelita building in the Juan Bautista Baldez
24 land grant-merced to that land grant-merced to be part of its
25 common lands and used as a public meeting place and for other

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1 services to the community; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the board of county commissioners of Rio Arriba
4 county, the board of directors of the Juan Bautista Baldez land
5 grant-merced and the land grant council.