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43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE NEW MEXICO-TEXAS
WATER COMMISSION IN BEHALF OF THE SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO LOWER RIO
GRANDE WATER USERS.

WHEREAS, the legislature understands the vital importance
of water to all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the legislature is aware that since 1980 water
users in southern New Mexico have been engaged in straightening
out differences about water access and use with the city of El
Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, more than a decade of litigation with the city of
El Paso resulted in the formation of the New Mexico-Texas water
commission; and

WHEREAS, this commission is charged with the responsibility
of continuing to study the availability of water and plan for

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1 its future use; and

2 WHEREAS, the southern New Mexico participants in the
3 continuing water study include Dona Ana county, the city of Las
4 Cruces, the Elephant Butte irrigation district, New Mexico state
5 university, the village of Hatch and the town of Mesilla,
6 collectively referred to as the lower Rio Grande water users
7 organization; and

8 WHEREAS, the public entities in this organization have
9 cooperated in resource studies and planning that transcend
10 jurisdictional boundaries while respecting individual
11 organizational responsibilities, roles and rights; and

12 WHEREAS, those participating in this excellent example of
13 interagency cooperation are in agreement that the work of the
14 New Mexico-Texas water commission will benefit from funding of
15 projects of common interest to the participants;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislature recognize and commend
18 the efforts of the New Mexico-Texas water commission in its
19 efforts to assess water availability and plan future utilization
20 of water resources in the region for the benefit of all the
21 citizens represented in the lower Rio Grande water users
22 organization; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent
24 to the governing body of each of the named agencies and
25 organizations.

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