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

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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING PREVENTIVE FIRST-HAND EXPOSURE TO THE CRIMINAL
JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR ALL MIDDLE AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, juvenile crime is the fastest-growing segment of
all criminal activity in the United States and in New Mexico;
and

WHEREAS, the number of juveniles involved in gangs or gang
activity has steadily increased over the last decade and shows
no sign of declining in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the most effective solution to any problem is to
avert it; and

WHEREAS, our educational institutions, particularly those
that deal with children in the vulnerable years between ten and
fifteen years of age, have a responsibility to impress upon
their students the possible consequences of criminal or

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1 antisocial activity;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all middle and
4 junior high school administrators and those involved in
5 supervising activities that transport students on field trips to
6 governmental and other institutions be encouraged to include in
7 such out-of-school activities visits to juvenile and adult
8 correction facilities and attendance at sentencing proceedings
9 in various state courts; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that police officers, juvenile
11 probation and parole officers and other corrections officials be
12 encouraged to visit public schools, especially middle and junior
13 high schools, to help instill in our youth a healthy respect for
14 those institutions, the law and for the need for following rules
15 in a civilized society; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to every public middle and junior high school
18 administration in the state and to the secretary of public
19 safety for distribution to all appropriate personnel and to the
20 administrative office of the courts for appropriate
21 distribution.