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HOUSE MEMORIAL 28

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE TO RECOGNIZE FOREST SERVICE ROAD 268 AND THE CORRIDOR FROM VALLE GRANDE TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY AS A HISTORIC TRAIL.

WHEREAS, the corridor encompassing Del Norte canyon, Medio Dia canyon and Bland canyon and the general trace of forest service road 268 connecting the Valle Grande with the Rio Grande valley has been used for centuries by tribal groups and individuals in their travels and early territorial settlers, traders and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the Bland road route, as that route is called, has a long and inspiring history worthy of preservation so that future generations will be aware of the significance and importance of this route; and

WHEREAS, the Keres, Tewa and Towa people of nearby pueblos

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1 and the people of other tribal communities throughout the land
2 traveled this route to hunt, trade, pasture animals, collect
3 firewood, harvest timber for vigas and latillas for their
4 buildings and visit sacred sites along the trail; and

5 WHEREAS, territorial settlers also visited sites in the
6 Jemez mountains along the route for the same purposes; and

7 WHEREAS, historic Spanish settlers such as the Baca and
8 C' de Baca families of the Rio Grande valley, the Pino and the
9 Ortiz y Pino families of La Cienega and Galisteo traveled the
10 route from the Valle Grande to the Rio Grande valley or the
11 Galisteo basin, for the transhumance of sheep, cattle and
12 horses, moving that domestic stock from winter to summer
13 pastures; and

14 WHEREAS, this route was also used to haul wool from the
15 Baca location to shipping points in Thornton, later known as the
16 rail head at Domingo, east of the Santo Domingo pueblo; the wool
17 being shipped on horse-drawn wagons and in later years and in
18 the early 1900s the wool was transported by the Rio Truck fleet
19 of the Baca family in the early 1900s; and

20 WHEREAS, traders, cowboys, prospectors and entrepreneurs
21 have used the route for cattle drives, lumber extraction, gold
22 and silver exploration, as well as mining from the historic
23 Bland mines; and more recently to transport extracted pumice by
24 small trucks to the rail head at Domingo; and

25 WHEREAS, the route permits access to the newly created

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1 Jemez national recreation area created through the efforts of
2 former Congressman Bill Richardson;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Bland road
5 route, including the corridor through the Del Norte canyon,
6 Medio Dia canyon and Bland canyon and the general trace of
7 forest service road 268 connecting the Valle Grande with the Rio
8 Grande valley, be recognized as a historic and culturally
9 significant route; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bland road route and its
11 history be preserved and identified so that present-day
12 travelers will become aware of the rich history of this route as
13 it continues to serve its traditional purposes and as gateway to
14 the newly created recreational area know as the Jemez national
15 recreation area; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the United States forest service and the
18 supervisor of the Jemez national recreation area.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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Mr. Speaker:

Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been
referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Silva, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Silva

Absent: Olguin, Parsons, Rodella, Whitaker

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