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SENATE MEMORIAL 13

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DINE COLLEGE CAMPUS IN SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the Dine community college was established and chartered by the Navajo tribal council in 1968 to provide educational opportunities to the Navajo people and others in areas important to the economic and social development of the Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, in Public Law 95-471, the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978, the Dine community college was recognized by the United States congress as the first Indian college; and

WHEREAS, the Shiprock Dine community college, established

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1 in 1974, is one of six satellite campuses and the largest
2 branch campus of the Dine community college; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1982 the Shiprock Dine community college
4 leased the old bureau of Indian affairs elementary school
5 facility, which was constructed in the late 1940s and closed
6 in the 1970s, and the Dine community college has been housed
7 in these facilities on an annual use permit from the bureau of
8 Indian affairs; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1994, the bureau of Indian affairs conducted
10 a life safety code survey and cited more than three hundred
11 deficiencies and recommended immediate repair, and some
12 deficiencies that posed serious health and safety hazards to
13 the students and faculty have been temporarily fixed, but many
14 deficiencies still exist; and

15 WHEREAS, the Shiprock Dine community college has an
16 enrollment of more than five hundred students per semester and
17 the Shiprock agency population of forty-eight thousand can
18 comfortably supply more than one thousand students if
19 facilities were adequate, but the leased facility will not
20 allow for the physical expansion that is necessary to address
21 the enrollment and academic growth; and

22 WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation has withdrawn seventy-seven
23 acres of land for the Dine community college campus and a site
24 has been selected to be the location for the new college
25 campus; and

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1 WHEREAS, through efforts of the new Shiprock campus
2 committee, the New Mexico legislature appropriated one hundred
3 thousand dollars (\$100,000) in 1996 for the planning and
4 designing of the new college campus; and

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Law 104-127, the federal
6 Agricultural Improvement Reform Act of 1996 and the Equity in
7 Educational Land Grant Status Act of 1994, the secretary of
8 the United States department of agriculture has discretionary
9 authority to transfer or reallocate funds to create a pool of
10 community facilities grant funds, and these funds could target
11 the needs of the Dine college Shiprock campus; and

12 WHEREAS, on October 19, 1998, United States president
13 William J. Clinton issued executive order 13021 designed to
14 increase access to financial and other resources throughout
15 the federal government for tribal colleges, and the executive
16 order applies to the tribal colleges authorized under the
17 Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978
18 and the Navajo Community College Act, and the executive order
19 requires all federal agencies to look for opportunities to
20 provide funding and to otherwise involve the colleges in their
21 programs;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
23 OF NEW MEXICO that the congress of the United States and the
24 secretary of the United States department of agriculture be
25 requested to fund the construction of a full college campus

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1 for the college education programs of the Dine community
2 college in Shiprock, San Juan county, New Mexico; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 sent to every member of the New Mexico congressional
5 delegation and the secretary of the United States department
6 of agriculture.

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
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24 Gloria Howes, Chairman
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9 Yes: 5

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12 Absent: None

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