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44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO COMMIT TO REDUCTIONS OF GREENHOUSE GAS
POLLUTION AND TO RATIFY THE KYOTO PROTOCOL.

WHEREAS, the world's leading climate scientists have warned that rising concentrations of carbon dioxide and "greenhouse gases" in the atmosphere threaten to increase average global temperatures; and

WHEREAS, over one thousand five hundred scientists from around the world, including one hundred two Nobel prize winners, have declared in the world scientists' call to action that the world's senior scientific community believes that global warming is a serious threat; and

WHEREAS, major companies such as British petroleum America, Enron corporation, Maytag, Toyota united technologies, Whirlpool and others endorse the principle of

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1 the business environmental leadership council, which states,
2 "We accept the views of most scientists that enough is known
3 about the science and environmental impacts of climate change
4 for us to take action to address its consequences."; and

5 WHEREAS a national academy of sciences study, in weighing
6 the costs and benefits of lowering greenhouse gas emissions,
7 concludes that the United States can reduce energy consumption
8 by twenty percent or more, resulting in substantial reductions
9 in greenhouse gas emissions, at a net economic benefit to the
10 country; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States signed a treaty at an
12 international conference on global warming held in Kyoto,
13 Japan in December 1997; and

14 WHEREAS, the treaty, known as the Kyoto protocol, would
15 require the United States to reduce emissions of greenhouse
16 gases by seven percent below 1990 levels by the year 2012; and

17 WHEREAS, the negative impacts of global warming on New
18 Mexico may include the loss of drought-tolerant blue grama
19 grass, as reported in the Albuquerque journal on January 8,
20 1999, along with property damage and economic losses due to
21 more frequent and severe storms, and greater likelihood of
22 droughts; and

23 WHEREAS, the United States, as the world's largest
24 emitter of greenhouse gas pollution, can demonstrate
25 leadership both in reducing emissions and in developing the

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1 expertise and technologies needed here and abroad to reduce
2 emissions; and

3 WHEREAS, developing countries need the energy-efficient
4 technologies and expertise of the industrialized countries in
5 order to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions; and

6 WHEREAS, the world market for energy-efficient technology
7 is expected to reach one hundred twenty-five billion dollars
8 (\$125,000,000,000) annually by the year 2015; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico is poised to play a central role in
10 developing and testing energy-efficient technologies for
11 domestic use and for export abroad;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the senate of
14 the United States be urged to ratify the Kyoto protocol to the
15 united nations framework convention on climate change and that
16 the United States congress be urged to take the lead in
17 lowering greenhouse gas pollution by supporting energy-
18 efficient programs and technology development; encouraging the
19 use of wind and solar power; curbing pollution from power
20 plants; and raising the fuel economy standards for cars and
21 light trucks; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the president of the United States and the New
24 Mexico congressional delegation.

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

17 Respectfully submitted,
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22 James Roger Madalena, Chair man
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Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 6 For 4 Against

Yes: 6

No: Kissner, Parsons, Roberts, Vickers

Excused: None

Absent: None

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