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HOUSE MEMORIAL 32

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

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CUMBRES AND TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD, INCORPORATED, FOR THEIR ROLE IN PRESERVING AND RESTORING THE CUMBRES AND TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD.

WHEREAS, for over ten years members of the friends of the Cumbres and Toltec scenic railroad, incorporated, have played a major role in the preservation and restoration of the former Denver and Rio Grande western narrow gauge railroad between Chama, New Mexico and Antonito, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the friends now number over one thousand four hundred men and women from the United States and several foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, the friends have contributed their time, money and materials to rebuild, repair and paint the car inspector's

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1 house, the snowshed at Cumbres pass, historic freight cars,  
2 work equipment, section houses, bunkhouses and signs; and

3 WHEREAS, the friends have acquired and restored to  
4 historically accurate condition tank cars, stock cars and  
5 other freight and passenger cars that were once used on the  
6 old Denver and Rio Grande western line; and

7 WHEREAS, the friends have developed walking tours for  
8 sites along the line and published a tour brochure that is  
9 available free of charge to all visitors; and

10 WHEREAS, the friends have published books and conducted  
11 programs to educate the public about the history of the  
12 railroad;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the friends of  
15 the Cumbres and Toltec scenic railroad, incorporated, be  
16 recognized and applauded for their energy, effort and  
17 enthusiasm in restoring and repairing the Cumbres and Toltec  
18 scenic railroad; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the friends of the Cumbres  
20 and Toltec scenic railroad, incorporated, be recognized and  
21 commended for their many contributions that have been vital to  
22 the preservation and promotion of the Cumbres and Toltec  
23 scenic railroad; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the president and officers of the friends of

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