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HOUSE MEMORIAL 44

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO
USE CERTAIN FEDERAL FUNDS AS SEED MONEY FOR A WHEELS MUSEUM IN
ALBUQUERQUE.

WHEREAS, few subjects have such universal appeal in the
American fabric as freedom of movement and choice of
transportation vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the American love affair with motor vehicles is
a major contributor to our country's continuing economic
growth; and

WHEREAS, Albuquerque, as a major city on the old United
States route 66, plays a major part in the western expansion
of highway travel; and

WHEREAS, the federal Transportation Equity Act includes a
provision and funds for establishing transportation museums;

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2 WHEREAS, the city of Albuquerque is prepared to match
3 dollar for dollar the state commitment of dollars to purchase
4 the twenty-seven acre old Santa Fe railroad locomotive repair
5 shop property on Second street; and

6 WHEREAS, the establishment of "the wheels museum" in
7 Albuquerque would be a major international visitor attraction
8 for the city and the state; and

9 WHEREAS, plans for "the wheels museum" include exhibits
10 and displays of every known form of transportation, including
11 rail transport engines and cars, passenger and freight, plus
12 automotive vehicles, past, present and future; and

13 WHEREAS, such an institution would not only provide many
14 jobs but would serve as an inspiration to youth to aim beyond
15 simply owning their own vehicles to designing, engineering and
16 constructing new forms of transportation; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff
18 Bingaman are co-sponsoring a bill to revive and renovate the
19 old United States route 66 corridor, to which "the wheels
20 museum" would be a perfect addition;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state
23 highway and transportation department make application to the
24 federal government for one million five hundred thousand
25 dollars (\$1,500,000) and make a commitment to the city of

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1 Albuquerque for the use of those funds to purchase the old
2 Santa Fe railroad locomotive repair shop property on Second
3 street; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and
5 transportation department lend technical and all other
6 appropriate assistance to the city of Albuquerque toward the
7 development of "the wheels museum" on the site of the old
8 Santa Fe railroad locomotive repair shop; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this memorial be
10 sent to the governor, the state highway and transportation
11 department, the mayor of the city of Albuquerque and to
12 Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman.

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