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HOUSE MEMORIAL 46

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING NEW MEXICO'S COMMUNITY, JUNIOR AND TECHNICAL  
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP AN  
ATHLETIC LEAGUE TO STIMULATE COMPETITION AND EDUCATIONAL  
ADVANCEMENT FOR STUDENTS IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, a privately financed survey undertaken among New  
Mexico's high school coaches and athletic directors has  
provided some very important information relative to post-high  
school athletics; and

WHEREAS, the survey indicates that very few New Mexico  
high school students receive athletic scholarships to New  
Mexico colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, only the New Mexico junior college and the New  
Mexico military institute currently offer full sports  
programs, and the remaining five schools do not; and

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1           WHEREAS, coaches and teachers felt overwhelmingly that  
2 significant good could come from expansion of athletic  
3 opportunities for New Mexico youth in our community and junior  
4 colleges and technical schools; and

5           WHEREAS, our neighboring states, including Colorado,  
6 Arizona, Utah and Texas, have extensive athletic programs in  
7 their junior and community colleges; and

8           WHEREAS, many New Mexico students participate in  
9 neighboring state's athletic programs; and

10          WHEREAS, development of athletic programs in our  
11 community and junior colleges and technical schools would  
12 provide educational opportunities for New Mexico athletes and  
13 students;

14          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the junior and  
16 community colleges and the technical schools in New Mexico and  
17 other interested parties be requested to meet and discuss the  
18 possibility of developing a community and junior college  
19 athletic league in New Mexico; and

20          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this effort be developed  
21 under a private-public venture initiative; and

22          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico council of  
23 independent community colleges report to the appropriate  
24 legislative committee by November 1, 1999 on the progress of  
25 this initiative; and

