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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 45

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

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF THE STATE
ACQUIRING THE VIETNAM VETERANS NATIONAL MEMORIAL IN ANGEL FIRE.

WHEREAS, Victor Westphall, his wife Jeanne and younger son Douglas began
building a memorial shortly after his son Victor David Westphall was killed in Vietnam in 1968;
and

WHEREAS, they employed the services of Ted Luna to design a structure with gentle
curves, more a sculpture than a conventional building; and

WHEREAS, the memorial is an enduring symbol not only of the tragedy of David's
death but of the tragedy and futility of war; and

WHEREAS, since its opening in 1971, the memorial has gained in attention and visitors
now number about seventy thousand annually; and

WHEREAS, the memorial was the first memorial dedicated to all Vietnam veterans;
and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is proud to be the home of this distinguished and distinctive

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2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be requested to direct the
4 appropriate committee to study the feasibility of the state acquiring the vietnam veterans
5 national memorial in angel Fire; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New
7 Mexico legislative council.

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1 **FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**
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5 February 18, 1999
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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your **RULES COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred
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11 **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 45**
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**.
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21 **Gloria Howes, Co-Chair**
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Yes: 7

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Absent: None

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5 March 11, 1999
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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your **GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**, to
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21 **James G. Taylor, Chairman**
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