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HOUSE MEMORIAL 38

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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A MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF THE EL VALLE SCHOOLHOUSE BY THE
PENASCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THREE ACEQUIA
ASSOCIATIONS IN EL VALLE.

WHEREAS, the El Valle schoolhouse is a one-room building
that served as the educational facility for students in the
community of El Valle in the early to mid-1900s; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, Taos county has leased the El Valle
schoolhouse from the Penasco independent school district and
dedicated the use of the building to the local community; and

WHEREAS, approximately twenty years ago, Taos county
appropriated funds for use by a local community association to
make improvements to the El Valle schoolhouse, and community
members led the renovation effort; and

WHEREAS, since the mid-1900s, the El Valle schoolhouse has

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1 primarily been used by the three acequia associations in El
2 Valle for the purpose of holding parciante and other
3 organizational meetings; and

4 WHEREAS, the acequia de Arriba, acequia de Abajo and
5 acequia del Llano de San Miguel are organized as political
6 subdivisions of the state of New Mexico and intend to seek the
7 transfer of ownership of the El Valle schoolhouse from the
8 Penasco independent school district to the three acequia
9 associations, which will ensure that the building is dedicated
10 to community use;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the prospective
13 request be supported to transfer ownership of the El Valle
14 schoolhouse from the Penasco independent school district to the
15 acequia de Arriba, acequia de Abajo and acequia del Llano de
16 San Miguel in El Valle, in accordance with applicable law and
17 consistent with the process followed by the school district for
18 the transfer of the property; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the superintendent of the Penasco independent
21 school district and the presidents of the acequia de Arriba,
22 acequia de Abajo and acequia del Llano de San Miguel.

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