

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 24

2 **49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 RECOGNIZING THE AREA CENTERED AROUND LOUISIANA BETWEEN CENTRAL
12 AND ZUNI, COMPRISING THE COMMUNITIES OF LA MESA, TRUMBULL,
13 SOUTH SAN PEDRO, ELDER HOMESTEAD, FAIR WEST AND SURROUNDING
14 AREAS, AS THE "INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT".

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16 WHEREAS, the communities and neighborhoods of La Mesa,
17 Trumbull, South San Pedro, Fair West and Elder Homestead
18 comprise a well known area of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, the residents living in that community come from
20 various countries of origin and have diverse ethnic, racial and
21 national backgrounds; and

22 WHEREAS, in that community, Native Americans and New
23 Mexicans whose families have been in New Mexico for hundreds of
24 years live alongside recent immigrants from Mexico, Central and
25 South America, Asia, Europe, Africa and many other countries;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, many cultures, customs and faiths are represented
3 in this diverse and vibrant part of the city; and

4 WHEREAS, commerce in and around this area caters to a
5 clientele from around the world; and

6 WHEREAS, goods and services that are imported from around
7 the world can be found in the area's markets and shops; and

8 WHEREAS, restaurants in the area offer a wide variety of
9 cuisine, representing a broad array of countries from six
10 continents; and

11 WHEREAS, within the area, expo New Mexico and the New
12 Mexico state fair, featuring many agricultural activities and
13 livestock shows, attract visitors from New Mexico, the United
14 States and the world; and

15 WHEREAS, the area borders Kirtland Air force Base, whose
16 servicemen and service women serve tours of duty around the
17 world; and

18 WHEREAS, there are twenty-seven languages spoken at the
19 local high school; and

20 WHEREAS, the area is commonly recognized as the most
21 international and culturally diverse area of New Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, community members and leaders intend to improve
23 the image and recognition of the area as it continues its
24 longstanding process of redevelopment; and

25 WHEREAS, major metropolitan areas across the United States

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1 have received acclaim, revitalization and tourism by
2 celebrating and identifying the vibrant and diverse
3 international cultures of their communities and neighborhoods;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, hundreds of residents, business operators and
6 local elected officials have held several public meetings, have
7 had thoughtful discourse and have unanimously concluded that
8 creating awareness of and leveraging the area's positive image
9 are critical to rebuilding the community and supporting local
10 business and property; and

11 WHEREAS, efforts to create awareness of the community's
12 vibrant and diverse culture, services and goods are supported
13 by local county and city elected officials;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the area centered around Louisiana
16 between Central and Zuni, comprising the communities of La
17 Mesa, Trumbull, South San Pedro, Elder Homestead, Fair West and
18 surrounding areas, shall be collectively know as the
19 "International District"; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to members of the media in Albuquerque and Santa Fe
22 and to city and county officials representing the area.