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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
12 DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE POTENTIAL EXPORT OF COAL
13 FROM NEW MEXICO.

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15 WHEREAS, New Mexico and Navajo Nation coal mining and
16 production face an uncertain future; and

17 WHEREAS, Four Corners power generation plants are planning
18 to phase out coal production units; and

19 WHEREAS, coal, as a valuable energy mineral, supports the
20 regional economy and jobs; and

21 WHEREAS, these conditions call for New Mexico to initiate
22 research and a study to explore a coal export option; and

23 WHEREAS, stranded coal and unemployment among New Mexicans
24 and members of the Navajo Nation might be averted;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the energy, minerals and natural
2 resources department be requested to study the export options
3 of Four Corners coal to Asia, where a market exists, including
4 the rail transport feasibility of coal through the ports of
5 Texas via the Panama canal, Mexico via its Pacific ocean ports
6 and the west coast of the United States; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include
8 infrastructure investment estimates and an assessment of
9 private and public requirements and support capabilities; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
12 resources.