

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 7

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS TO RECOGNIZE UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 60 AS A HISTORIC HIGHWAY AND NOMINATE THE HIGHWAY TO THE STATE REGISTER OF CULTURAL PROPERTIES AND TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

WHEREAS, United States highway 60 was one of the original highways commissioned in 1926; and

WHEREAS, United States highway 60 is a major transcontinental highway that runs from Virginia Beach, Virginia to Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, United States highway 60 was widely known as the "ocean-to-ocean highway"; and

WHEREAS, United States highway 60 passes through several historic New Mexico towns, including Clovis, Melrose, Fort

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1 Summer, Yeso, Vaughn, Encino, Willard, Mountainair, Abo,
2 Bernardo, Socorro, Magdalena, Datil, Pie Town, Omega, Quemado
3 and Red Hill; and

4 WHEREAS, recognition of United States highway 60 as a
5 place of historical significance will promote tourism in the
6 towns along its route, encourage preservation of the highway
7 and the communities along the highway and encourage New
8 Mexicans and tourists to learn about the rich history
9 associated with United States highway 60; and

10 WHEREAS, the designation of United States highway 60 as a
11 historical highway and registration of the highway on the state
12 registry of cultural properties and the national register of
13 historic places will encourage other states to preserve the
14 transcontinental highway and its history;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of cultural affairs be
17 requested to recognize United States highway 60 as a place of
18 historical importance and that the historic preservation
19 division of the office of cultural affairs nominate United
20 States highway 60 to the state register of cultural properties
21 and to the national register of historic places; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the director of the historic preservation
24 division of the office of cultural affairs and the cultural
25 affairs officer.

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