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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 61

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY
STUDY TO CONVERT THE LOS AMIGOS NURSING HOME TO A VETERANS'
HEALTH CARE AND NURSING FACILITY.**

**WHEREAS, the Los Amigos nursing home in the city of Santa
Rosa in Guadalupe county has been and is currently under
considerable financial distress; and**

**WHEREAS, the Los Amigos nursing home serves some of the
needs of the aging and medically fragile persons in the
community; and**

**WHEREAS, the Los Amigos nursing home is one of the safety-
net providers in Guadalupe county; and**

**WHEREAS, there is no other nursing facility for veterans
in that part of the state; and**

WHEREAS, the financing of the Los Amigos nursing home

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1 could be addressed in a different manner;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health, in
4 conjunction with other appropriate agencies, be requested to
5 conduct a feasibility study on the acquisition and operation of
6 the Los Amigos nursing home as a veterans' health care and
7 nursing facility through funding from the federal veterans'
8 administration and other public or private sources; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health be
10 requested to present its findings to the legislative health and
11 human services committee and the legislative finance committee
12 by October 31, 2003; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the department of health, the legislative health
15 and human services committee and the legislative finance
16 committee.