

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CLASSIFY NEW
3 MEXICO POSTAL CARRIERS AS EMPLOYEES WITH BENEFITS AND RIGHTS
4 EQUAL TO OTHER POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

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6 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a disproportionate number of
7 United States postal carriers classified as independent
8 contractors; and

9 WHEREAS, these postal workers are denied benefits such
10 as retirement, sick leave, insurance and workers'
11 compensation and disability that are typically available to
12 postal employees; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico postal contractors are subject to
14 the state's gross receipts tax while its employees are not;

15 WHEREAS, all postal workers have been affected by the
16 anthrax scare and other terrorist threats, and all postal
17 workers should receive the same benefits and protections for
18 carrying the public mail; and

19 WHEREAS, all postal workers in New Mexico carry and
20 deliver an extraordinary amount of junk mail;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States postal service be
23 requested to convert independent postal carriers to employee
24 status, with all the benefits and rights conferred to
25 employees; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the United States postmaster general and to the New Mexico congressional delegation. _____

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