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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT UNITED STATES SENATORS FROM NEW MEXICO SUPPORT  
12 A FLOOR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT BUSH'S JUDICIAL NOMINEES.

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14 WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 2 of the United States  
15 constitution states that the president "shall nominate, and by  
16 and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint  
17 ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the  
18 supreme court, and all other officers of the United States";

19 and

20 WHEREAS, the administrative office of the United States  
21 courts has classified the need to fill twenty-two judgeships as  
22 "judicial emergencies"; and

23 WHEREAS, forty-three of President Bush's judicial nominees  
24 are pending before the United States senate; and

25 WHEREAS, sixty-three percent of President Bush's court of

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1 appeals nominations have been to fill seats classified as  
2 judicial emergencies; and

3 WHEREAS, forty-two percent of President Bush's district  
4 court nominations have been to fill seats classified as  
5 judicial emergencies; and

6 WHEREAS, a minority of senators have used dilatory tactics  
7 to prevent a senate floor vote on six of President Bush's  
8 judicial nominees, all of whom were reported favorably by the  
9 committee on the judiciary; and

10 WHEREAS, each of President Bush's judicial nominees  
11 reported favorably by the committee on the judiciary enjoys the  
12 support of a majority of the United States senate;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States senate be requested  
15 to allow a timely vote on all judicial nominations; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the state's two United States senators.