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EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE
UNITED STATES FROM TERRORISTS AND THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS
OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, in the immortal words of Franklin Delano
Roosevelt, "When you see a rattlesnake poised to strike, you do
not wait until he has struck before you crush him"; and

WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001,
showed that new deadly challenges have emerged from rogue
states and terrorists; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
has fundamentally changed the nature of threats against the
United States and its allies; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated chemical, biological or nuclear
attack against the United States or its allies would cost the

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1　　lives of millions of innocent Americans and others, as well as

2　　cause immeasurable damage to the United States and world

3　　economy; and

4　　　　WHEREAS, the United States cannot wait patiently and allow

5　　radical regimes that support terrorism to acquire or

6　　manufacture illegal weapons of mass destruction and pass them

7　　to terrorist organizations; and

8　　　　WHEREAS, if the United States does not meet this terrorist

9　　threat in the streets of Baghdad and Kandahar, Americans will

10　　be forced to fight terrorists in Boston and Kansas City; and

11　　　　WHEREAS, President Bush has correctly stated that the

12　　United States has the right to defend itself and its allies if

13　　the world community refuses to enforce the rule of law to deter

14　　or remove future threats from tyrannical regimes and halt the

15　　proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;

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

17　　STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it support President Bush in his

18　　efforts to keep the United States and our allies safe from

19　　terrorists, dangerous authoritarian regimes and weapons of mass

20　　destruction.

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