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REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A TASK FORCE TO STUDY FOOD QUALITY, FOOD ADDITIVES, HARMFUL PROCESSES APPLIED TO FOOD AND METHODS TO CURB THE CONSUMPTION OF UNHEALTHY FOOD.

WHEREAS, the improvement of the quality of food grown in, produced in, imported into or exported from New Mexico is necessary to improve nutrition for New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, limiting or labeling additives to food that are carcinogenic, neurotoxic or otherwise deleterious will improve the quality of food available to New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to investigate and identify processes that, when applied to foods, are harmful to human health; and

WHEREAS, the need to study the medical and biochemical issues pertaining to nutrition has ongoing vital relevancy for

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1 all New Mexicans; and

2 WHEREAS, it is necessary to curb the consumption of  
3 unhealthy food to promote good nutrition among New Mexicans;  
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5 WHEREAS, New Mexicans are in need of information about  
6 food quality, food additives and potentially harmful processes  
7 to make good nutritional choices;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to appoint a  
10 task force comprised of representatives from the department of  
11 health, the department of environment, the public education  
12 department, the university of New Mexico health sciences  
13 center, the New Mexico department of agriculture, the organic  
14 commodity commission, the New Mexico livestock board and the  
15 office of the attorney general and the chair of the nutrition  
16 and dietetics practice board; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to  
18 appoint to the task force, in his discretion, other  
19 representatives such as internists, family practitioners,  
20 pediatricians, cardiologists, toxicologists, ranchers, farmers,  
21 biochemists and nutritionists; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor request the task  
23 force to study the quality of food grown in, produced in,  
24 imported into or exported from New Mexico, methods to improve  
25 food quality, methods to curb the consumption of unhealthy

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1 foods and the possibility of limiting or labeling food  
2 additives that are carcinogenic, neurotoxic or otherwise  
3 deleterious; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor request the task  
5 force to investigate and identify processes that, when applied  
6 to foods, are harmful to human health; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor request the task  
8 force to report its findings and recommendations to the  
9 governor and the legislature by January 1, 2005; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to  
11 submit two copies of its report to the legislative council  
12 service library; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the governor.