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HOUSE MEMORIAL 02

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A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS AND ZONING AUTHORITIES TO
REQUIRE TWO ACCESS ROUTES FOR HOUSING BUILT IN FORESTED AREAS.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico contains many beautiful forested areas
that are available for the building of homes and other
structures; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico has a characteristically arid climate;
and**

**WHEREAS, years of drought have increased the state's risk
of forest fires; and**

**WHEREAS, many homes have been destroyed and lives
endangered by forest fires; and**

**WHEREAS, homes and housing developments are being built
with only one access road leading through wooded areas; and**

WHEREAS, two access roads would provide alternative routes

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1 out of the danger in the event of a forest fire; and

2 WHEREAS, counties, cities and local zoning authorities are
3 charged with regulating and restricting the location and use of
4 buildings, land and structures;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that cities,
7 counties and local zoning authorities require, where
8 practicable, that two access roads be available for homes built
9 and located in or near forested areas; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the New Mexico municipal league and the New
12 Mexico association of counties.