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HOUSE MEMORIAL 53

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO INVESTIGATE
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS ALLEGEDLY ENGAGED IN ANIMAL RESCUE
ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico has experienced many
instances over the years of cruelty to livestock and other
domesticated and wild animals through neglect and intentional
mistreatment; and

WHEREAS, numerous animal rescue groups have organized as
charitable organizations to provide care and rehabilitation
services to animals rescued from abusive circumstances; and

WHEREAS, residents of New Mexico are solicited by many
animal rescue groups to donate money in support of the
activities of these groups and donate tens of thousands of

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1 dollars in support of these animal rescue groups; and

2 WHEREAS, some of the animal rescue groups do not have the
3 financial resources or technical ability to provide appropriate
4 continuing care to livestock and other animals that come under
5 their care; and

6 WHEREAS, there have been instances where animal rescue
7 groups have solicited and received financial donations from New
8 Mexico residents but have not used donated funds for the
9 purposes espoused; and

10 WHEREAS, the state has enacted the Charitable
11 Solicitations Act that regulates fundraising by charitable
12 organizations and provides for enforcement action by the office
13 of the attorney general;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of
16 the attorney general and the administrative office of the
17 district attorneys of this state, in cooperation with the New
18 Mexico livestock board, be requested to investigate animal
19 rescue groups that raise funds as charitable organizations but
20 do not provide animal rescue services in an appropriate manner;
21 and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than November 2005,
23 the office of the attorney general and the administrative
24 offices of the district attorneys report to the appropriate
25 interim committees of the legislature on their investigation

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1 and enforcement actions involving animal rescue groups
2 organized as charitable organizations to provide care and
3 rehabilitation services to animals rescued from abusive
4 circumstances; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the office of the attorney general and to the
7 administrative office of the district attorneys.

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