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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 91

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

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS PROVIDE FUNDING TO
THE NAVAJO NATION FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX FOR THE
COMMUNITIES OF CROWNPOINT AND SHIPROCK.

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation communities of Crownpoint and
Shiprock are facing the imminent closure of their only criminal
detention facility due to age and severe structural damage; and

WHEREAS, the crime rate within the Navajo Nation is
serious and there is only one law enforcement officer per four
thousand residents compared with the national average of one
officer per one thousand residents; and

WHEREAS, the inability to confine criminals is a
tremendous hindrance to protecting the safety and welfare of
members of the Navajo Nation and visitors; and

WHEREAS, previous testimony presented before the United

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1 States congress on the dire need for new detention facilities
2 has had no impact;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be urged to
5 assist the Navajo Nation by providing the necessary thirty-four
6 million two hundred thousand dollars (\$34,200,000) for planning
7 and construction of a public safety complex for the communities
8 of Crownpoint and Shiprock; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional
11 delegation.

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