SENATE MEMORIAL 22

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES SENATORS REPRESENTING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S NOMINEES TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 2 of the United States constitution states that the president "... shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other officers of the United States..."; and

WHEREAS, there is a high likelihood of at least one vacancy occurring on the United states supreme court during the one hundred ninth congress; and

WHEREAS, there is a possibility of needing to elevate a sitting justice on the United States supreme court to the

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1 position of chief justice during the one hundred ninth

2 congress; and

3   WHEREAS, activist judges on some federal courts have

4 frustrated the constitutional structure that prescribes that

5 laws be written by elected representatives of the people; and

6   WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has expressed his

7 commitment to appoint federal judges who will strictly

8 interpret the United States constitution; and

9   WHEREAS, in the past, a minority of senators have used

10 dilatory tactics to prevent a senate floor vote on several of

11 President George W. Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom

12 received a favorable report by the United States senate

13 committee on the judiciary;

14   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

15 OF NEW MEXICO that the state's United States senators be

16 requested to move quickly to confirm all nominations by

17 President George W. Bush to the United States supreme court;

18 and

19   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

20 transmitted to both senators of the United States representing

21 New Mexico.

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