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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF COMBATING NOXIOUS WEED
INFESTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the land, water and other natural resources of
New Mexico are being severely impacted by invasions of noxious
weeds; and

WHEREAS, the noxious weeds compete with forage grasses and
other plant species important to the economic viability of
range livestock production and wildlife management in New
Mexico; and

WHEREAS, landowners and users expend ever increasing
resources to control noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS, prevention, early detection, rapid response and
early eradication are the most effective and least costly
strategies against noxious weeds because they combat new

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1 invasions before they expand beyond feasible control; and
2 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a voluntary weed-free hay program;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, best practices to prevent and control the rapid
5 spread of noxious weeds are well-established by New Mexico
6 state university and the New Mexico department of agriculture;
7 and
8 WHEREAS, the introduction and spread of noxious weeds
9 often come from outside the agricultural community;
10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
11 OF NEW MEXICO that the state be encouraged to take action to
12 reverse the trend of increasing invasions, combat noxious weed
13 infestations throughout the state and prevent the introduction
14 of new weeds; and
15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the New Mexico department of agriculture and New
17 Mexico state university.