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SENATE MEMORIAL 47

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REQUESTING THE PROPERTY CONTROL DIVISION OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO STUDY RELOCATING THE NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR TO VALENCIA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico state fair is an annual event celebrated by all residents of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, traditionally state fairs throughout the country have focused on the rural and agricultural heritage of that state; and

WHEREAS, while in close proximity to the state's major urban center, Valencia county retains and reflects the rural and agricultural traditions so important to New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, the current location of the New Mexico state fair has served all aspects of the fair admirably but with the continued growth of Albuquerque the location has become

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1 increasingly congested and difficult to access; and

2 WHEREAS, it is recognized that increasing urban growth may
3 bring increased security risks for attendees of the New Mexico
4 state fair and residents in the surrounding areas; and

5 WHEREAS, the current New Mexico state fair location is
6 within a contained area of Albuquerque that limits parking and
7 impacts state fair attendees, customers of local business
8 establishments and residents living in the local neighborhoods;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, state and local funds and resources that are
11 required to address issues such as parking, security and
12 transportation may result in other statewide projects going
13 unfunded or underfunded; and

14 WHEREAS, Albuquerque has burgeoning economic development
15 while Valencia county could benefit from the economic activity
16 the state fair represents;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
18 OF NEW MEXICO that the property control division of the general
19 services department be requested to work in conjunction with
20 the state fair commission to study the feasibility of
21 relocating the New Mexico state fair to Valencia county; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property control division
23 of the general services department be requested to present its
24 findings to the appropriate legislative interim committee no
25 later than October 1, 2006; and

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