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REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN
INTERIM COMMITTEE OR ASSIGN AN APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO
REVIEW OPTIONS FOR AMENDING THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS
RETIREMENT ACT.

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters provide vital services in
a number of localities across the state; and

WHEREAS, as volunteers, these people, unlike career
firefighters, do not qualify for retirement programs through
their local governments; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer firefighter retirement program can
assist local fire departments in the recruiting and retention
of personnel; and

WHEREAS, the administration of the program has become
problematic in determining service credit, reporting service

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1 credit, calculating benefits and removing inactive members from
2 the retirement database;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
5 requested to appoint an interim committee or assign an
6 appropriate interim committee to study the provisions of the
7 Volunteer Firefighters Retirement Act and consider necessary
8 amendments to the act; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public employees
10 retirement association, the state fire marshal's office, the
11 fire service council, the New Mexico municipal league and the
12 New Mexico association of counties be consulted during the
13 interim study; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the legislative council service for distribution
16 to the New Mexico legislative council.

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