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SENATE MEMORIAL 21

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING AND ENDORSING THE LAS VEGAS YOUTH COMMISSION AS A
MODEL YOUTH PARTICIPATION PROJECT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission was formed in 1998
by the Las Vegas city council to encourage young people to take
a more active and constructive role in city government; and

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission has acted as a
powerful voice for young people in Las Vegas and San Miguel
county; and

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission functions as a
chartered advisory group to the mayor, city council, city
government employees and other commissions and committees on
all matters affecting young people; and

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission deals with issues
as diverse as building a healthier community, combating

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1 violence, conducting public forums and developing substance
2 abuse programming, as well as historic preservation, city
3 regulation of scooters, roller skates and skateboards, underage
4 drinking and litter; and

5 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission has been
6 recognized nationally for its performance by the communities
7 that care program as one of the nation's outstanding youth
8 projects and, more recently, by the New Mexico civic engagement
9 project as one of New Mexico's most outstanding youth civic
10 organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission has a proven track
12 record of developing young leaders, inspiring youth to become
13 more involved in their community and improving the quality of
14 community life in Las Vegas and the surrounding area;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
16 OF NEW MEXICO that the Las Vegas youth commission and its
17 sponsor, the Las Vegas city council, be recognized and endorsed
18 for their accomplishments and for the example that the
19 commission sets as a positive youth development organization;
20 and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Las Vegas youth commission
22 be encouraged to form a partnership with New Mexico highlands
23 university and the New Mexico civic engagement project to host
24 a statewide summit on the role of youth in local government and
25 the establishment of a model youth commission as a tool for

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1 increasing youth involvement in civic affairs, local government
2 and community improvement; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that youth boards, youth
4 commissions and other organizations that encourage the next
5 generation to become more involved in civic affairs, as well as
6 in local and state government, be viewed as an asset to the
7 people and communities of New Mexico, to the future of the
8 state and to the development of more active and informed
9 residents; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the Las Vegas youth commission.