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REQUESTING THE STATE TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT BARRIERS AND FENCING ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES ARE ADEQUATE TO PREVENT INGRESS AND EGRESS OF LIVESTOCK.

WHEREAS, border security is paramount not only to the health and welfare of the American public, but to the livestock industry as well; and

WHEREAS, prevention of livestock ingress and egress at the international border between Mexico and New Mexico, as well as at the international border between Mexico and the other border states of Arizona, California and Texas, is imperative to protect animal and human health and the economic viability of the multi-billion-dollar livestock industry; and

WHEREAS, current border patrol plans do not address the

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1 problem of livestock crossing the border;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that the state take all steps necessary to ensure
4 that barriers and fencing along the international border
5 between Mexico and the United States are adequate to prevent
6 ingress and egress of livestock; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate state agencies
8 cooperate with the New Mexico congressional delegation, the
9 United States department of agriculture, the United States
10 secretary of the interior, the department of homeland security,
11 the United States border patrol, Governor Bill Richardson, the
12 New Mexico legislature, the New Mexico department of
13 agriculture and the New Mexico livestock board to address this
14 problem; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional
17 delegation, the United States department of agriculture, the
18 United States secretary of the interior, the department of
19 homeland security, the United States border patrol, Governor
20 Bill Richardson, the New Mexico legislature, the New Mexico
21 department of agriculture and the New Mexico livestock board.