

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE SAFETY OF A RAILROAD CROSSING NEAR
THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS.

WHEREAS, there is a railroad crossing located on Rio
Arriba road north of the city of Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, Fred Stark, a resident of Denver, Colorado, was
killed on September 11, 2008 at the railroad crossing on Rio
Arriba road in a collision between an Amtrak train and the
vehicle in which he was riding; and

WHEREAS, Michael Esquibel, a resident of the city of Las
Vegas, was killed on January 15, 2009 at the railroad crossing
on Rio Arriba road in a collision between an Amtrak train and
the vehicle in which he was riding; and

WHEREAS, the railroad crossing on Rio Arriba road has
only a posted railroad crossing sign and no other traffic
controls; and

WHEREAS, at the railroad crossing on Rio Arriba road,
there is limited visibility to the south, and trains approach
the crossing at a high rate of speed; and

WHEREAS, the railroad crossing on Rio Arriba road has a
high level of vehicular traffic as it provides access to a
solid waste transfer station;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department

of transportation be requested to conduct a study of the safety of the rail crossing on Rio Arriba road north of the city of Las Vegas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of transportation and to the mayor and city council of the city of Las Vegas.