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A MEMORIAL

URGING CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STAFF QUARTERS AT THE PLANNED PUEBLO PINTADO HEALTH CENTER.

WHEREAS, the planned new federal Indian health service health center to be located in Pueblo Pintado, New Mexico, will provide comprehensive ambulatory health care to four thousand persons residing in five chapters of the Navajo Nation located in the easternmost region of the Navajo Nation in northwest New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the current plan for the Pueblo Pintado health center is to include staff quarters due to the remoteness of the site and because availability of housing is critical in the recruitment and retention of health professionals, including doctors, nurses, dentists and pharmacists, on the Navajo Nation; and

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WHEREAS, it is extremely important that the staff quarters for the Pueblo Pintado health center be designed and constructed concurrently with the health center to ensure that the health center will be adequately staffed when it is completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be urged to provide financial support in fiscal year 2010 as part of the Indian health service budget for the design and construction of the Pueblo Pintado health center and attendant staff quarters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, the director of the Indian health service, the director of the Navajo area Indian health service, the president of the Navajo Nation and the speaker of the Navajo Nation council.

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