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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND ENERGY  
TO DISMANTLE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE.

WHEREAS, major events such as the shuttle Columbia  
disaster on February 1, 2003 and the terrorist attacks of  
September 11, 2001 have taken place and, after investigation,  
have revealed great lapses in safety and precautionary  
measures; and

WHEREAS, Albuquerque is reported in professional  
publications and local newspapers to be the home of the largest  
concentration of nuclear munitions anywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, newspapers have reported special tests and  
training exercises conducted at Kirtland air force base that  
simulate accidents in which nuclear materials have been  
dispersed in a subcritical nature; and

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1           WHEREAS, the damage to Albuquerque's local economy and  
2 civic life will be extensive if there is an accident involving  
3 the nuclear munitions stored at Kirtland air force base;

4           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
5 OF NEW MEXICO that the United States departments of defense and  
6 energy be requested to dismantle and remove from Albuquerque  
7 the weapons of mass destruction stored at Kirtland air force  
8 base; and

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the secretaries of the United States departments  
11 of defense and energy and to the members of New Mexico's  
12 congressional delegation.