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HOUSE MEMORIAL 12

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS REFRAIN FROM
DESIGNATING WILDERNESS AREAS NEAR THE NEW MEXICO-MEXICO BORDER.

WHEREAS, federal legislation has been introduced that
would designate two hundred thirty-two thousand acres of
wilderness on or near New Mexico's border with Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the federal Wilderness Act of 1964 prohibits the
use of "motor vehicles", "motorized equipment" and any "other
form of mechanical transport" as well as prohibiting any
"structure or installation within any such area."; and

WHEREAS, such prohibitions, limitations and restrictions
prevent the routine patrol of such areas by the border patrol
and local and state law enforcement and prohibit or restrict
the use of proven detection equipment and devices; and

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1 on federal lands in Arizona have provided corridors for human
2 and drug trafficking, thereby threatening the health and safety
3 of the public;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico
6 oppose the designation of wilderness areas on or near its
7 border with Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that where such lands are worthy of
9 protection, a designation less restrictive than "wilderness" be
10 utilized; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the
13 majority leader of the United States senate and the speaker of
14 the United States house of representatives.