

HOUSE MEMORIAL 100

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE SANTA FE 2926 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE AS NEW MEXICO'S  
STEAM LOCOMOTIVE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RAILROADS'  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL GROWTH AND STATURE  
OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe 2926 is a former Atchison, Topeka  
and Santa Fe railway steam locomotive originally built in 1944  
by Baldwin locomotive works for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa  
Fe railway; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1944, the Santa Fe 2926 logged more  
than one million miles, many on New Mexico rails, at the head  
of iconic high-speed passenger and freight trains; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe  
railway donated the Santa Fe 2926 to the city of Albuquerque in  
recognition of the city's two-hundred-fiftieth anniversary,

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1 where it was placed in a city park; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1999, the Santa Fe 2926 was purchased by the  
3 New Mexico steam locomotive and railroad historical society and  
4 rescued from its deteriorating state; and

5 WHEREAS, the New Mexico steam locomotive and railroad  
6 historical society purchased the Santa Fe 2926 with the  
7 intention of accurately and safely returning the Santa Fe 2926  
8 to full steam and to once again have the locomotive run on New  
9 Mexico rails; and

10 WHEREAS, in May 2002, the Santa Fe 2926 was moved to its  
11 current location near the intersection of eighth street and  
12 Haines avenue in Albuquerque, where it is undergoing  
13 restoration; and

14 WHEREAS, on October 1, 2007, the Santa Fe 2926 was listed  
15 in the national register of historic places and was featured as  
16 part of the New Mexico true state tourism campaign; and

17 WHEREAS, the New Mexico steam locomotive and railroad  
18 historical society has almost two million dollars (\$2,000,000)  
19 and over one hundred thirty-one thousand volunteer hours  
20 invested in the restoration of the Santa Fe 2926; and

21 WHEREAS, once restored, the Santa Fe 2926 will create a  
22 new and significant tourist attraction;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Santa Fe  
25 2926 steam locomotive be recognized as a representation of all

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1 railroads' past, present and future contributions to the  
2 economic and cultural growth and stature of New Mexico; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Fe 2926 be  
4 recognized as New Mexico's steam locomotive; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico steam locomotive  
7 and railroad historical society.