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2	55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022
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10	A MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD, THE NEW MEXICO
12	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
13	AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE TO STUDY WAYS OF RESOLVING THE
14	PROBLEM OF ESTRAY AND UNBRANDED CATTLE.
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16	WHEREAS, ranchers and farmers in southwestern New Mexico
17	have experienced repeated trespass by estray and unbranded
18	cattle; and
19	WHEREAS, these estray and unbranded cattle primarily
20	originate in or near the Gila wilderness and Gila national
21	forest; and
22	WHEREAS, New Mexico is a fence out state; and
23	WHEREAS, removal of estray and unbranded cattle can cause
24	considerable uncompensated expense to the landowners even
25	though the landowner may have appropriate fencing; and
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1 WHEREAS, state law requires proceeds received by the New 2 Mexico livestock board from the sale of estray and unbranded 3 cattle be returned to the livestock board; and 4 WHEREAS, the New Mexico livestock board has the authority 5 to enter into contracts, memoranda of understanding and joint 6 powers agreements with other entities; and 7 WHEREAS, the New Mexico livestock board does not gather 8 cattle on private or leased property; 9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico 11 livestock board, the New Mexico department of agriculture, the 12 United States department of agriculture forest service and 13 others concerned be requested to work together to resolve the 14 issue of trespass cattle and create agreements to expedite the 15 removal of estray and unbranded cattle; and 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that aerial shooting of estray and 17 unbranded cattle is cruel and dangerous and estray and unbranded cattle should be gathered in the most humane manner 18 19 possible; and 20

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the New Mexico livestock board, the director of the New Mexico department of agriculture, the chief of the United States department of agriculture forest service and the forest supervisor of the Gila national forest.

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