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HOUSE MEMORIAL 20

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING THE COMPLETION OF A BORDER BARRIER ALONG THE NEW MEXICO AND MEXICO BORDER AND INCREASING PUBLIC SAFETY WHILE ENCOURAGING LEGAL IMMIGRATION OF THOSE SEEKING REFUGE IN THE UNITED STATES AS ASYLUM SEEKERS.

WHEREAS, the border along the United States and Mexico spans approximately one thousand nine hundred fifty-one miles, with the border along New Mexico and Mexico spanning approximately one hundred seventy-nine miles; and

WHEREAS, the border along New Mexico and Mexico lacks completed barricades on approximately fifty-one and three-tenths miles of the border; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has not adequately prioritized the protection of the southern border of New Mexico; and

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1 WHEREAS, in recent years, border crossings have resulted
2 in a humanitarian crisis and unnecessary human suffering; and

3 WHEREAS, fentanyl is primarily produced by Mexican drug
4 cartels or smuggled by Chinese fentanyl producers through the
5 Mexican border; and

6 WHEREAS, young minority children are being separated from
7 their parents and trafficked into the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico youth have been targeted by Mexican
9 gangs and have become addicted to lethal doses of fentanyl and
10 other drugs, creating a public health crisis; and

11 WHEREAS, a drug bust in Albuquerque involving Mexican
12 fentanyl was the largest drug bust in New Mexico history;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the house of
15 representatives be requested to support the completion of the
16 border barrier along the border of New Mexico and Mexico; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives
18 be requested to support urgent congressional reform to federal
19 immigration laws to encourage legal immigration of those who
20 are seeking refuge in the United States as asylum seekers; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that initiatives to stop the
22 trafficking of illegal drugs across the New Mexico border and
23 to apprehend dangerous criminals be supported; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the president of the United States, the governor

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1 of New Mexico, members of New Mexico's congressional
2 delegation, the commissioner of the United States customs and
3 border protection, the secretary of the United States
4 department of homeland security, the secretary of public safety
5 and the brigadier general of the New Mexico national guard.

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