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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 37

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

GAIL C. BEAM

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, THE  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE TO  
COOPERATE IN A STUDY OF AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NOISE ABATEMENT  
MEASURES FOR THE ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE SUNPORT.

WHEREAS, the Sunport international airport has been  
rebuilding the main east and west runway and for the past year  
use of the north and south runway has created unacceptable noise  
and safety risks for area residents; and

WHEREAS, residents in the south valley have long been  
adversely affected by low-flying planes; and

WHEREAS, the northeast southwest runway 3-21 is now  
generating unacceptable noise for area residents; and

WHEREAS, the airport received five hundred and forty-one  
complaints from neighboring residents in 1996; and

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1           WHEREAS, the New Mexico air national guard makes extensive  
2 use of the Sunport's runways while preparing for international  
3 peacekeeping missions as well as normal training exercises, and  
4 the accident rate and added risk to civilian residents from  
5 military aircraft accidents is unacceptably high; and

6           WHEREAS, technological advances in airplane design,  
7 landscaping and airport operations offer some opportunities to  
8 abate airport noise, and regulations and incentives need to be  
9 strengthened to require the Sunport and airlines to take full  
10 advantage of such advances; and

11           WHEREAS, the population of the area surrounding the Sunport  
12 has grown tremendously since the original construction of the  
13 facility in the 1930s, and the larger region has been one of the  
14 fastest growing regions in the country over the recent past,  
15 increasing the demand for safe, convenient air travel through a  
16 modern, centrally located and convenient facility; and

17           WHEREAS, the regional major investment study highlights the  
18 need for long-range comprehensive planning, and such long-range  
19 planning must consider the effects of a growing population, its  
20 needs for better air transportation infrastructure as well as  
21 the needs of residential neighborhoods for safe, peaceful and  
22 healthy environments;

23           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state  
25 highway and transportation department, the federal aviation

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1 administration, the city of Albuquerque and other interested  
2 civil authorities cooperate in a study and the implementation of  
3 noise abatement programs and technologies and the long range  
4 needs of area residents for safe and peaceful neighborhoods,  
5 safe air travel and convenient access to air transportation  
6 resources for the region; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and  
8 transportation department report to the appropriate interim  
9 committee of the legislature by December 1, 1997 on its  
10 findings, including recommendations for legislation to abate  
11 airport noise and plan for long-range air transportation  
12 resources; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the secretary of highway and transportation, the  
15 director of the federal aviation administration, the mayor of  
16 the city of Albuquerque and the New Mexico congressional  
17 delegation.

# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 18, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daniel P. Silva, Chairman

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Rodella

Absent: Olguin, Watchman, Whitaker, W. C. Williams

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# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

**February 25, 1997**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred**

**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 37**

**has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairwoman**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Hobbs, Pederson

Absent: None

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March 12, 1997

Mr. President:

Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 37

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman



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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Fidel, Griego, Robinson

Absent: None

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 20, 1997

Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been  
referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 37

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Adair, Boitano, Ingle

Absent: None

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