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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 26

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT HOUSE RESOLUTION 260 BEFORE CONGRESS TO CREATE A GUADALUPE-HIDALGO TREATY LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a unique history in the acquisition of land ownership due to the substantial number of Spanish and Mexican land grants that were an integral part of the colonization and growth of this area of the country; and

WHEREAS, various provisions of the treaties signed under prior sovereigns have not yet been fully implemented in the spirit of Article VI of the constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, congress did establish an Indian claims
commission, which successfully adjudicated hundreds of disputed
land possessions quietly; and

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WHEREAS, there still exist serious questions about prior ownership, particularly about certain public lands; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Bill Richardson introduced House Resolution 260 in January 1997 to create a presidential commission to determine the validity of certain land claims arising out of the treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo of 1848 involving persons who were Mexican citizens at the time of the treaty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the congress of the United States be respectfully requested and urged to support this important piece of legislation to adjudicate and make conclusive determinations, including possible restitution of public lands, on unresolved provisions of the various treaties affected by the treaty of Guadal upe-Hi dal go; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent to the New Mexico congressional delegation and to the presiding officers of each house of congress.

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7 Mr. Speaker:

Your **VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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Edward C. Sandoval, Chairman

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Respectfully submitted,

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