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43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ARMED GUARDS AT THE STATE CAPITOL
DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND EMPLOYING ARMED GUARDS
DURING THE INTERIM**

**WHEREAS, extremists have targeted public buildings for
assault in order to express their violent political goals; and**

**WHEREAS, such extremists blew up a federal government
building in Oklahoma City, killing almost two hundred innocent
people in the process; and**

**WHEREAS, bomb threats directed at New Mexico's state
capitol have been received by local authorities; and**

**WHEREAS, a visiting legislator's purse was snatched on
the capitol grounds in the fall of 1995; and**

WHEREAS, the capitol has been the target of graffiti

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1 vandals;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council
4 consider increasing the number of armed guards during the
5 legislative session and employing armed guards during the
6 interim; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the co-chairmen of the New Mexico legislative
9 council and to the director of the legislative council
10 service.