

1 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 29

2 43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

3 INTRODUCED BY

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9 A JOINT MEMORIAL

10 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH TO SET ASIDE TWO
11 ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING LICENSES PER YEAR FOR THE
12 PUEBLO OF PICURIS SO THAT THE PUEBLO CAN CONTINUE ITS
13 TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES.
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16 WHEREAS, the ancestors of the members of the pueblo of
17 Picuris hunted bighorn sheep for many centuries in the area
18 now designated as the Pecos wilderness; and

19 WHEREAS, the Rocky mountain bighorn sheep remained
20 plentiful until domestic sheep diseases and overhunting by
21 game hunters depleted the herds to extinction; and

22 WHEREAS, the Rocky mountain bighorn sheep has been a
23 sacred animal to the Picuris people and holds great spiritual
24 significance for them; and

25 WHEREAS, the people of the pueblo of Picuris annually

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1 honor the Rocky mountain bighorn sheep and other animals of
2 mother earth by performing the bighorn sheep dance; and

3 WHEREAS, out-of-state game hunters vie with New Mexicans
4 for the expensive licenses to hunt Rocky mountain bighorn
5 sheep; and

6 WHEREAS, federal case law permits Indian tribes to hunt
7 without fee or license in areas that were the traditional
8 hunting grounds of the tribe, but the pueblo chooses to work
9 out an equitable arrangement with the state; and

10 WHEREAS, the population of Rocky mountain bighorn sheep
11 is increasing, and the department of game and fish has
12 increased the number of licenses to be made available for the
13 1998 hunt in the Pecos wilderness from five to eight; and

14 WHEREAS, providing a solution to the request of the
15 pueblo of Picuris at this time would not result in lost
16 revenue to the state from license fees already being realized;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, disease and overhunting also eliminated a herd
19 of Rocky mountain bighorn sheep in White Rock canyon, and now
20 the department of game and fish and the pueblo of San
21 Ildefonso are working together to develop a new herd in that
22 canyon; and

23 WHEREAS, now would be a good time to develop through
24 government-to-government negotiations between the pueblo of
25 Picuris and the department of game and fish a process that

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1 would allow the pueblo of Picuris to again hunt in their
2 traditional hunting grounds in the Pecos wilderness;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request the department of game and
5 fish to enter into negotiations with representatives of the
6 pueblo of Picuris and come to an agreement on how to satisfy
7 the traditional needs of that pueblo for Rocky mountain
8 bighorn sheep before licenses are issued for the 1998 Rocky
9 Mountain bighorn sheep hunt; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 distributed to the governor of New Mexico, the governor of the
12 pueblo of Picuris, the director of the department of game and
13 fish and the chairman of the state game commission.

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH TO ENTER INTO
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PUEBLO OF
PICURIS TO DEVELOP A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY PROCESS TO ALLOW
CEREMONIAL HARVESTS FOR ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP SO THAT
THE PUEBLO CAN CONTINUE ITS TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, the ancestors of the ~~members~~ of the pueblo of
Picuris have harvested bighorn sheep for many centuries in the
area now designated as the Pecos wilderness; and

WHEREAS, the Rocky mountain bighorn sheep remained
plentiful until domestic sheep diseases and overhunting by
game hunters depleted the herds in the ancestral lands of the
pueblo of Picuris; and

WHEREAS, the Rocky mountain bighorn sheep has been a
sacred animal to the Picuris people and holds great spiritual

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significance for them; and

WHEREAS, the people of the pueblo of Picuris annually honor the Rocky mountain bighorn sheep and other animals of mother earth by performing the bighorn sheep dance; and

WHEREAS, the population of Rocky mountain bighorn sheep in the Pecos wilderness is increasing; and

WHEREAS, now would be a good time to develop through government-to-government negotiations between the pueblo of Picuris and the department of game and fish a process that would allow the pueblo of Picuris to again harvest Rocky mountain bighorn sheep in their ancestral lands in the Pecos wilderness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of game and fish be requested to continue discussions with representatives of the pueblo of Picuris and develop potential solutions to satisfy the traditional spiritual and cultural practices of the people of the pueblo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of game and fish report to the interim Indian affairs committee prior to November 1, 1998 on the progress of the discussions with the pueblo of Picuris and any solutions identified that could be implemented to satisfy the spiritual and cultural needs of the pueblo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be distributed to the governor of New Mexico, the governor of the pueblo of Picuris, the director of the department of game and fish and the chairman of the state game commission.

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1 **FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

2 **SECOND SESSION, 1998**

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6 **February 14, 1998**

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8 **Mr. Speaker:**

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

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13 **HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 29**

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15 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**
16 **recommendation that it DO NOT PASS, but that**

17 **HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
18 **SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 29**

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20 **DO PASS.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

Excused: Pearce, Saavedra

Absent: None

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February 17, 1998

Mr. President:

Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

No: None

Excused: Davis, Kysar

Absent: None

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