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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 80
43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998
INTRODUCED BY
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FOR THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING CONGRESS TO CONTINUE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR
THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS.

WHEREAS, the institute of American Indian arts was chartered by congress in 1962 as a bureau of Indian affairs school for the purpose of studying, promoting the practice of and ensuring continuity of the artistic and cultural traditions of American Indians and Alaska natives; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the institute of American Indian arts became an independent, federally chartered, nonprofit institution; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico recognizes that having the institute of American Indian arts located in Santa Fe is beneficial to the state, to the Native American population of the state and to the art community in New Mexico; and

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1 WHEREAS, the institute is unique to the western
2 hemisphere, having drawn students from nearly all of the five
3 hundred forty-seven recognized Indian tribes in the country
4 during its thirty-six years of teaching; and

5 WHEREAS, this is the most critical period of the
6 institute's history, since it has suffered a forty-seven
7 percent budget cut in federal support over the past three
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, from its earliest days, Santa Fe has been a hub
10 of commercial activity centered around the Native American
11 population; and

12 WHEREAS, today many artists who participate in the Santa
13 Fe Indian art community are graduates of the institute of
14 American Indian Arts contributing substantially to Santa Fe's
15 status as the second largest arts market in the country; and

16 WHEREAS, the economic importance of Indian art in Santa
17 Fe is expressed by the negative outcry raised each time there
18 is mention of moving the Indian market from the immediate
19 Santa Fe area; and

20 WHEREAS, due to its federally chartered status, the
21 institute of American Indian arts is seeking appropriations
22 from congress to continue the school's annual operations;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional
25 delegation and the president of the United States be requested

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1 to support the full operational funding of the institute of
2 American Indian arts and to continue funding the operations of
3 the institute through federal appropriations into the next
4 century; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congress and the president be
6 requested to consider providing capital funding to the
7 institute of American Indian arts so that its new campus can
8 be completed by the year 2000; and

9 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the president of the United States, the New
11 Mexico congressional delegation and to the board of trustees
12 of the institute of American Indian arts.

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

17 **Respectfully submitted,**
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22 **Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairman**
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10 The roll call vote was 4 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 4

12 Excused: Pearce, Saavedra, Wallace

13 Absent: None

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