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44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 64/87 A PRIORITY.

WHEREAS, United States highway 64/87 is a vital link between the cities of Raton and Clayton in northeastern New Mexico, moving people and merchandise with an annual average daily traffic count of more than three thousand one hundred vehicles in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the annual average daily traffic count is projected to increase to nearly eight thousand four hundred in the year 2016, the second highest traffic count among two-lane roads under consideration for widening to four lanes; and

WHEREAS, United States highway 64/87 ferries tourists from Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado to and through northeastern

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1 New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, the number of motor vehicle crashes along the
3 rural highway is high, averaging nearly forty-five crashes
4 each year between 1993 and 1996, and increasing dramatically
5 in 1997 to seventy crashes and to more than thirty through
6 most of 1998; and

7 WHEREAS, these crashes resulting in death, personal
8 injury and serious property damage also impact the family
9 members, friends and businesses of the victims; and

10 WHEREAS, there is little doubt that the number of crashes
11 would be reduced and the highway made much safer if it were
12 widened to four lanes; and

13 WHEREAS, widening United States highway 64/87 to four
14 lanes and other improvements to the highway are not scheduled
15 to be made in the foreseeable future;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway commission and the
18 state highway and transportation department be requested to
19 consider making the improvements to United States highway
20 64/87 a priority; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the state highway commission and to the
23 secretary of highway and transportation.

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10 Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been
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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 Daniel P. Silva, Chairman
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Yes: 8

Excused: Heaton, Larranaga, Mohorovic, Rodella, Silva

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to
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Excused: Aragon, Kysar, Rawson, Robinson

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Absent: None

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