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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 24**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS TO PETITION THE TEXAS BOARD OF  
PARDONS AND PAROLES TO REVIEW THE CASE OF JAMES HARRY REYOS AND  
CONSIDER PARDONING HIM BASED ON EXISTING EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE.**

**WHEREAS, James Harry Reyos, a member of the Jicarilla  
Apache Nation, is serving a sentence in the Texas prison system  
for the murder of a priest that occurred on December 21, 1981  
in Odessa, Texas; and**

**WHEREAS, the night that the murder took place in Texas,  
James Harry Reyos was in New Mexico as shown by a speeding  
ticket and various credit card receipts for expenditures that  
he made on the evening of December 21, 1981, in and around  
Roswell, New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, regardless of the conflicting evidence, Mr. Reyos  
was convicted of the murder and sentenced to thirty-eight years**

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1 in prison; and

2 WHEREAS, when she was governor of Texas, Ann Richards  
3 petitioned the Texas board of pardons and paroles three times  
4 to release Mr. Reyos, but the board did not issue a pardon; and

5 WHEREAS, Dennis Cadra, one of the prosecutors on the James  
6 Harry Reyos case, is convinced that Mr. Reyos was wrongfully  
7 convicted;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor of  
10 Texas be requested to petition the Texas board of pardons and  
11 paroles to review the case of James Harry Reyos and that the  
12 board be requested to consider granting Mr. Reyos a pardon  
13 based on existing exculpatory evidence; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the governor of Texas, the Texas board of  
16 pardons and paroles, the governor of New Mexico, the president  
17 of the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the New Mexico innocence and  
18 justice project.