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1 homelessnes among veterans and their families by 2008 and is  
2 making federal funds available to state facilities and not-for-  
3 profit providers for this purpose; and

4 WHEREAS, the New Mexico veterans' service commission has  
5 established a contract to provide transitional living services  
6 to veterans with lung disease, including lung cancer, and  
7 currently desires to expand the service to include transitional  
8 living services for homeless veterans and their families in the  
9 Albuquerque area using recurring federal funds; and

10 WHEREAS, millions of dollars are available from the  
11 federal government to the states for such transitional living  
12 services; and

13 WHEREAS, the New Mexico veterans' service commission can  
14 offer these services in the most cost-effective manner by  
15 acquiring a permanent transitional living facility;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the general services department be  
18 requested to develop a plan to acquire a facility suitable for  
19 a transitional living facility within five miles of the  
20 veterans administration hospital in Albuquerque; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general services  
22 department report its findings to the second session of the  
23 forty-sixth legislature; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the secretary of general services and the

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