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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPROVE THE
LOAD CAPACITY OF THE RIO GRANDE BRIDGE ON STATE HIGHWAY 51 IN
SIERRA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande bridge on state highway 51 was
built in 1940; and

WHEREAS, the weight limit has been lowered due to
deterioration of the bridge supports and an increase in the
dead load since its construction; and

WHEREAS, the reduced weight limits are affecting local
businesses and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the state bridge management unit of the
department of transportation has listed the bridge for
repairs and perhaps reconstruction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be
requested to expedite repairs to the Rio Grande bridge on
state highway 51 and to make an evaluation for long-term
reconstruction to accommodate the local economy and
transportation needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the secretary of transportation. _____