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47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO SUPPORTING AND PASSING THE
FEDERAL DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL.**

**WHEREAS, the security of the nation and people is the
first and foremost obligation of the United States federal
government; and**

**WHEREAS, the men and women of the United States armed
forces now serving in the army, navy, air force, marine corps,
coast guard, merchant marines, national guard and reserves have
shown great courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be
equipped with the best weapons and resources to protect the
nation; and**

**WHEREAS, in past years politicians have delayed passing
the defense appropriations bill until late in the budget year**

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1 with the result that the bill was misused as a dumping ground
2 for pork barrel spending and as a political hostage to pork
3 barrel spending in other appropriations bills; and

4 WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September
5 11, 2001 on America, President George W. Bush asked that the
6 congress of the United States pass the defense appropriations
7 bill before passing other spending bills; and

8 WHEREAS, congress acted responsibly in the 2002, 2003 and
9 2004 budgets when it passed the defense appropriations bill
10 first, thereby protecting the men and women in the armed forces
11 from becoming pawns for politicians' spending maneuvers;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state's
14 congressional delegation be requested to support passage of the
15 defense appropriations bill before passing other spending
16 bills; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to members of the New Mexico congressional
19 delegation.

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