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HOUSE MEMORIAL 50

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SET  
A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE CHILDREN OF NEW MEXICO BY BANNING JUNK  
FOOD FROM THE ROUNDHOUSE.

WHEREAS, we are now learning that the candy bars, potato  
chips, corn chips, granola bars, chocolate-covered peanuts and  
other tasty snacks we love can be as bad for a person as  
smoking cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, childhood obesity and diabetes in children and  
adults have become major public health concerns in this state;  
and

WHEREAS, the growing incidence of obesity and diabetes  
leads to higher health care costs, higher medicaid and medicare  
expenditures, the need for costly dental work, reduced worker  
productivity and a decreased interest in getting up off the

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1 couch; and

2 WHEREAS, in 2001, our own United States surgeon general  
3 told us that obesity may soon cause as much preventable disease  
4 and death as cigarette smoking; and

5 WHEREAS, in order to help nip these public health problems  
6 in the bud, the state wants to ban the sale of junk foods in  
7 public schools and replace bad snack items with healthier  
8 choices; and

9 WHEREAS, it seems only appropriate that the members of the  
10 house should want to serve as positive role models for the  
11 youth of our state;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the sale and  
14 consumption of junk food be banned in the roundhouse and that  
15 those items be removed from vending machines and coffee shops;  
16 and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any junk food found in the  
18 possession of a member of the house of representatives be  
19 immediately confiscated by the nearest state police officer;  
20 and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a member of the house shall be  
22 fined one hundred dollars (\$100) for first-time possession of  
23 an unhealthy snack item and shall be required to perform  
24 community service by speaking to children about the evils of  
25 junk food; and shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200) for a

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1 second offense and required to participate in a junk food  
2 rehabilitation program; and, finally, shall be fined five  
3 hundred dollars (\$500) for a third offense and placed on the  
4 junk food offender registration list for the rest of the  
5 member's life.

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