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EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE SENATE THAT NEW MEXICO'S ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BE IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAWN FROM THE WAR IN IRAQ.

WHEREAS, there are currently five hundred twenty-nine members of New Mexico's army and air national guard deployed in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air national guard on the premise that weapons of mass destruction existed in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, it has been conclusively determined that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air national guard on the premise that Iraq was linked to the attacks on September 11, 2001; and

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1 WHEREAS, it has been conclusively determined that Iraq was
2 not involved in the attacks on September 11, 2001; and

3 WHEREAS, President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air
4 national guard on the premise that Iraq was the most serious
5 threat facing the national security of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, it has been conclusively determined that Iraq
7 poses no risk to America's national security; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the latest CNN-USA Today-Gallup
9 poll, fifty-five percent of Americans do not view the war in
10 Iraq as being related to the war against terrorism; fifty-two
11 percent believe that invading Iraq was a mistake; and fifty-
12 five percent do not believe President Bush has a plan that will
13 achieve victory for the United States in Iraq; and

14 WHEREAS, New Mexico's national guard units should only be
15 deployed when grave matters of national security are at stake;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, America's allies have already reduced their
18 forces in Iraq by twenty six-thousand troops since the March
19 2003 invasion; and

20 WHEREAS, two of America's allies, Bulgaria and Ukraine,
21 withdrew all of their forces from Iraq in December, and a half
22 dozen other allies are debating possible withdrawals; and

23 WHEREAS, according to a recent ABC News-Time Magazine
24 poll, more than two-thirds of Iraqis disapprove of the presence
25 of United States forces in Iraq; and

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