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HOUSE MEMORIAL 99

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF WILD HORSES.

WHEREAS, there are wild horses currently living on public
lands in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, a wild horse preserve could prompt local economic
development by drawing tourists into a region to see
nondomesticated horses in a natural state; and

WHEREAS, a wild horse preserve could link historic and
cultural tourism to attract visitors; and

WHEREAS, a wild horse preserve could serve as a valuable
resource for educational and youth-oriented organizations; and

WHEREAS, there exist in other areas of the country
successful wild horse preserves with herds ranging in size from
one hundred sixty to six hundred fifty horses with preserves

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1 from three hundred twenty to nine thousand acres in size; and

2 WHEREAS, there is currently no facility for caring for
3 feral and abandoned horses in McKinley county; and

4 WHEREAS, a horse rescue facility in McKinley county would
5 reduce the property damage and public nuisance caused by wild
6 horses in McKinley county and could prepare wild horses for
7 adoption;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request the
10 governor to establish a commission for the preservation of wild
11 horses; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission for the
13 preservation of wild horses have as its primary purpose the
14 preservation of viable herds of wild horses on public lands;
15 and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the activities of the
17 commission for the preservation of wild horses include
18 promoting the management and protection of wild horses, acting
19 as a liaison between the state, the public and parties
20 interested in the preservation of wild horses, advising the
21 governor on issues affecting wild horses, developing and
22 coordinating projects to study wild horses and their habitat,
23 making information about wild horses available to the news
24 media and the general public, managing the Heil trust fund for
25 wild horses and reporting to the legislature on the

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1 commission's activities; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission conduct a study
3 regarding the establishment of horse rescue facilities and
4 report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate
5 interim legislative committees; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the governor.

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