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SENATE MEMORIAL 58

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A MEMORIAL

URGING THE STATE GAME COMMISSION TO ALLOW THE JUAN TAFOYA LAND CORPORATION TO GRAZE CATTLE ON LAND IN THE MARQUEZ WILDLIFE AREA.

WHEREAS, the state game commission possesses more than fourteen thousand acres of land known as the Marquez wildlife area, which was once part of the Juan Tafoya land grant, formerly part of the Cebolleta land grant and now known as the Juan Tafoya land corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Juan Tafoya land corporation and the state game commission had a decades-long lease that allowed the corporation to graze cattle on two pastures within the wildlife area in exchange for granting hunters access to the wildlife area across the corporation's land; and

WHEREAS, that lease terminated when the state game

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1 commission reached an agreement with a neighboring landowner
2 for access to the wildlife area, leaving the land corporation
3 in the unenviable position of trying to remove its cattle from
4 fenced and isolated land that it once owned and upon which it
5 has grazed cattle for decades;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
7 OF NEW MEXICO that the state game commission be urged to allow
8 the Juan Tafoya land corporation to continue to graze cattle on
9 land in the Marquez wildlife area; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the state game commission.

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