

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO  
3 CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF NAVAJO  
4 ROUTE 55 AND TO SCHEDULE THE IMPROVEMENT OF NAVAJO ROUTE 55  
5 TO INTERSTATE 40 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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7 WHEREAS, reliable access to the Alamo chapter of the  
8 Navajo Nation from Albuquerque may now be accomplished only  
9 through an approximately one-hundred-twenty-five-mile drive  
10 through Socorro and Magdalena via interstate 25, United  
11 States route 60 and New Mexico route 169; and

12 WHEREAS, access north of the Alamo chapter of the Navajo  
13 Nation via Navajo route 55 is difficult under the best  
14 conditions and all but impossible during inclement weather;  
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16 WHEREAS, reliable road access from the Alamo chapter of  
17 the Navajo Nation north to New Mexico route 6 and interstate  
18 40 will benefit the health, safety and welfare of residents  
19 of the Alamo chapter and other portions of Socorro and  
20 Valencia counties by drastically reducing the travel times  
21 for medical and other emergency services available in  
22 Albuquerque; and

23 WHEREAS, in a time of rapidly increasing gas and diesel  
24 fuel prices, reliable road access from the Alamo chapter of  
25 the Navajo Nation north to New Mexico route 6 and interstate

1 40 will dramatically reduce the expense of travel from the  
2 Alamo chapter to Albuquerque and points west via interstate  
3 25; and

4 WHEREAS, reliable road access from the Alamo chapter of  
5 the Navajo Nation north to New Mexico route 6 and interstate  
6 40 will help to open up large areas of Socorro and Valencia  
7 counties to economic development;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States bureau of Indian  
10 affairs be requested to conduct a feasibility study for the  
11 improvement of Navajo route 55 from the chapter house of the  
12 Alamo chapter of the Navajo Nation north to New Mexico route  
13 6 and interstate 40 and to schedule the improvement of Navajo  
14 route 55 from the chapter house of the Alamo chapter of the  
15 Navajo Nation north to New Mexico route 6 and interstate 40  
16 at the earliest possible opportunity; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the regional director of the Navajo regional  
19 office of the bureau of Indian affairs, United States Senator  
20 Jeff Bingaman, United States Senator Tom Udall, United States  
21 Representative Harry Teague, the president of the Navajo  
22 Nation, the speaker of the Navajo Nation council, the  
23 chairperson of the transportation and community development  
24 committee of the Navajo Nation council, the New Mexico  
25 secretary of transportation and the chairpersons of the

1 Socorro county commission and the Valencia county commission. =

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