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HOUSE MEMORIAL 27

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING LONG-TIME SEASONAL LEGISLATIVE
EMPLOYEES IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the legislature of New Mexico can boast a long
list of loyal staff members that return year after year; and

WHEREAS, legislators who serve in New Mexico's roundhouse
come to know these scores of persons well, taking part in their
lives just as those persons contribute to the life of the
legislature; and

WHEREAS, many of these seasonal workers are retired, but
some work the legislative sessions as another source of income
in the winter months while working in other short-term jobs
during the summer and fall; and

WHEREAS, some of the long-time seasonal employees are

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1 employed by partisan offices, some by legislative committees,
2 some by the house of representatives, some by the senate and
3 some by legislative agencies; and

4 WHEREAS, the house of representatives would like to
5 recognize the contributions of this group of long-time
6 legislative employees and to provide an incentive for others to
7 follow in their loyal tradition; and

8 WHEREAS, some of the long-time seasonal employees may not
9 have retirement funds set aside or may not have accrued an
10 adequate retirement fund;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
13 legislative council be requested to study the feasibility of
14 including long-time seasonal legislative employees in state
15 retirement benefits; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative
17 council study include the cost of providing retirement benefits
18 for seasonal legislative employees who have served a minimum of
19 twenty years; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative
21 council study provide guidance on the fiscal impact of adding
22 these employees to the public employees retirement system; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the study be
24 reported to the New Mexico legislative council by November 2009
25 for consideration by the second session of the forty-ninth

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1 legislature; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
4 council.

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