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HOUSE MEMORIAL 111

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CREATE
A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HANDICAPPED PARKING ISSUES.

WHEREAS, handicapped parking allows access for disabled
persons to businesses and allows all people to participate
fully in society; and

WHEREAS, as of 2005, there were two hundred ninety-one
thousand people in New Mexico living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, reliable statistics on handicapped parking and
enforcement of handicapped parking regulations are not readily
available; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the need for and issues
concerning handicapped parking be known in order to provide
better access for disabled patrons to businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of many in the disabled

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1 community that there is inadequate enforcement regarding
2 existing handicapped parking opportunities and that new
3 enforcement efforts are needed to ensure that disabled citizens
4 have full access to all parts of society;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor's
7 commission on disability be requested to create a task force to
8 study handicapped parking; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consist of
10 representatives from the governor's commission on disability
11 and the motor vehicle division of the taxation and revenue
12 department; the secretaries of aging and long-term services,
13 human services and public safety; and representatives from
14 municipal and county governments, the disability coalition, the
15 center for development and disability, the protection and
16 advocacy agency and councils on developmental disabilities and
17 other interested and appropriate persons; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force study issues
19 surrounding access to handicapped parking, enforcement of
20 regulations, qualifications, compliance with federal and state
21 regulations and other relevant topics related to handicapped
22 parking; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force develop
24 recommendations related to the appropriate number of
25 handicapped parking spaces to be provided, the criteria for

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1 obtaining a handicapped parking placard, enforcement procedures
2 and any other recommendation deemed relevant by the task force
3 and that the task force report to the appropriate interim
4 legislative committee; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the governor's commission on disability, the
7 motor vehicle division of the taxation and revenue department,
8 the secretaries of public safety, human services and aging and
9 long-term services, the interim legislative health and human
10 services committee and the interim courts, corrections and
11 justice committee.