SENATE MEMORIAL 28

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A TRAFFIC STUDY OF STATE HIGHWAY 371 IN MCKINLEY AND
SAN JUAN COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, state highway 371 from Thoreau to Farmington is
one hundred six miles in length with a hot mix asphalt surface
on twelve-foot lanes with shoulders that average six feet in
width; and

WHEREAS, state highway 371 is centered on a right of way
that is one hundred fifty feet in width; and

WHEREAS, there have been two hundred fifty-six vehicular
accidents over the past three years on state highway 371, which
accidents included seventeen fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the average daily traffic on state highway 371 in
2007 was two thousand five hundred sixty-one vehicles per day;
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1   WHEREAS, heavy truck traffic accounts for approximately

2   thirteen percent of the traffic on state highway 371; and

3   WHEREAS, state highway 371 has wheel rutting, transverse

4   and longitudinal cracking, dips and heaving at various

5   locations throughout its one-hundred-six-mile corridor;

6   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

7   OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be

8   requested to work with McKinley and San Juan counties to

9   consider the necessity for and the possible phasing of

10   improvements to state highway 371 between Thoreau and

11   Farmington; and

12   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

13   transmitted to the governor, the secretary of transportation,

14   the state transportation commission, the executive director of

15   the northwest New Mexico council of governments, the McKinley

16   county commission, the McKinley county manager, the San Juan

17   county commission and the chief executive officer of San Juan

18   county.

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