

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 52

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A DIALOGUE TO CONSIDER PLAYING ALL NEW MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES IN THE SAME STADIUM ON THE SAME DAY.

WHEREAS, New Mexico high school class 5A, class 4A, class 3A, class 2A, class 1A, eight-man and six-man football is played and coached at a high level of excellence; and

WHEREAS, playing all New Mexico high school football championship games on the same day would give teams better exposure to the public; and

WHEREAS, playing all New Mexico high school football championship games on the same day would provide New Mexicans with an annual event to celebrate; and

WHEREAS, playing all New Mexico high school football championship games on the same day would allow football fans to

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1 enjoy an all-day event; and

2 WHEREAS, playing New Mexico high school football
3 championship games in the state's largest stadiums would allow
4 more fans to attend; and

5 WHEREAS, playing all New Mexico high school football
6 championship games on the same day and in the state's largest
7 stadiums would increase the exposure of New Mexico players and
8 coaches to college coaches and scouts; and

9 WHEREAS, all high school football championship games in
10 Texas are played at the Alamodome, in New Jersey at Giants
11 stadium, in Colorado at Invesco field or at Mile High stadium,
12 in Washington at the Tacoma dome, in Michigan at Ford field and
13 in Oklahoma at Boone Pickens stadium; and

14 WHEREAS, every football player in the state can imagine
15 playing the championship game at a particular location; and

16 WHEREAS, the kickoffs for the respective games, for
17 example, can be held at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00
18 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexico high school football has produced
20 greats such as Tommy McDonald, Brian Urlacher, Jim Everett and
21 Hank Baskett, to name a few;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that high school athletic directors, high
24 school football coaches, the athletic director at the
25 university of New Mexico and the vice president of athletics at

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1 New Mexico state university be requested to hold an informal
2 dialogue to consider scheduling all New Mexico high school
3 football championship games on the same day, in rotation at
4 University stadium for four consecutive years and at Aggie
5 memorial stadium every fifth year; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the governor, the public education department,
8 the higher education department and the New Mexico activities
9 association.

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