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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT THE
DOCUMENTED HISTORICAL LOCATIONS RELATING TO SPACE EXPLORATION
IN NEW MEXICO TO AID THE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING
AN OFFICIAL STATE HISTORIC SPACE TRAIL.

WHEREAS, space research, development and exploration has
been conducted in New Mexico since 100 B.C. and continues to
this day; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has played a significant role in the
development of the United States space program; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately forty-seven sites of
historical, cultural and economic significance relating to
space exploration throughout New Mexico, such as the
prehistoric wizard's roost observatory, Robert Goddard's early
rocket research laboratory in Roswell and spaceport America;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, Native Americans, early Spanish settlers and
3 modern New Mexicans have benefited historically, culturally and
4 economically from their involvement in space research,
5 development and exploration; and

6 WHEREAS, the legislature has tasked the museum of space
7 history with educating the public of New Mexico's importance in
8 space exploration by collecting, preserving and interpreting
9 significant artifacts relevant to the history of space; and

10 WHEREAS, the museum of space history has documented,
11 developed and mapped the historical locations relating to space
12 exploration in New Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexicans and Americans will benefit from the
14 establishment of an official historic space trail;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the cultural
17 affairs department be requested to present the documented,
18 developed and mapped historical locations relating to space
19 exploration in New Mexico to the appropriate interim
20 legislative committee to aid the legislature to consider
21 establishing an official state historical space trail; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs and the
24 governor.

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