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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE FAIR COMMISSION AND EXPO NEW MEXICO TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE BETWEEN ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND ASSESS ISSUES SURROUNDING ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING AN ASIAN AMERICAN CENTER FOR CULTURAL AND MULTIPLE PURPOSES AT EXPO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Asian Americans in New Mexico comprise forty-six thousand residents and contribute greatly to the cultural, economic and intellectual achievements of New Mexico's society; and

WHEREAS, the largest projected population growth by percentage is expected for Asian residents, estimated to increase by nearly four percent per year for the next several years; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans live and work throughout New

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1 Mexico and are an integral part of New Mexico's cultural mix;  
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3 WHEREAS, Asian Americans have established strong  
4 communities in New Mexico with rich and varied traditions,  
5 particularly the area in Albuquerque near Expo New Mexico,  
6 known as the international district, where a concentration of  
7 Asian businesses exists; and

8 WHEREAS, Expo New Mexico boasts three ethnic complexes,  
9 villa Hispana, Indian village and the Alicia K. Hoppes African  
10 American pavilion; and

11 WHEREAS, Expo New Mexico provides approximately fifty-five  
12 thousand square feet to five art galleries, individually  
13 featuring the creative arts, Hispanic arts, fine arts, school  
14 arts and Indian arts; and

15 WHEREAS, Expo New Mexico also hosts the Sheryl Williams  
16 Stapleton African American performing arts center and exhibit  
17 hall; and

18 WHEREAS, Expo New Mexico has a total of approximately  
19 sixty-eight thousand square feet of exhibition space, excluding  
20 the art galleries; and

21 WHEREAS, an Asian American center would honor, celebrate  
22 and provide education on the significant achievements,  
23 sacrifices and contributions of Asian Americans in New Mexico  
24 and the United States; and

25 WHEREAS, an Asian American center will contribute to the

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1 acclaim of Expo New Mexico for its art galleries and ethnic  
2 complexes; and

3 WHEREAS, an Asian American center will generate additional  
4 interest and bring visitors to Expo New Mexico;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state fair  
7 commission and Expo New Mexico be requested to facilitate  
8 dialogue between all interested parties; assess issues  
9 surrounding establishing, siting, locating and maintaining an  
10 Asian American center that can be used year-round for multiple  
11 purposes at Expo New Mexico; and submit reports summarizing the  
12 progress of the discussions to the community and the  
13 appropriate legislative committee in October 2011 and October  
14 2012; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the state fair commission and the general  
17 manager of Expo New Mexico.