

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT MISSION AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF  
3 SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES AND KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE ON  
4 THE NATION AND ON NEW MEXICO'S ECONOMY, SECURITY AND FUTURE.  
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6 WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories and Kirtland air  
7 force base are critical to the security and economy of  
8 New Mexico and the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, on behalf of New Mexico and the United States,  
10 Sandia national laboratories anticipates and solves the most  
11 challenging problems that threaten security in the  
12 twenty-first century; and

13 WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories is widely  
14 recognized as a national leader in anticipating threats and  
15 providing innovative, science-based system engineering  
16 solutions to the nation's most challenging national security  
17 problems; and

18 WHEREAS, the excitement and importance of Sandia  
19 national laboratories' work, work environment and  
20 partnerships with academia, industry, government and other  
21 partners, and Sandia national laboratories' record of  
22 historic contributions help to attract exceptional staff; and

23 WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories' innovations and  
24 discovery of new technologies strengthen the nation's  
25 technological superiority; and

1           WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories brings high-wage  
2 jobs to New Mexico, including a permanent work force of ten  
3 thousand four hundred nineteen plus four thousand seven  
4 hundred forty-two contractors; and

5           WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories' employees are  
6 recognized by their professional peers for their outstanding  
7 contributions; and

8           WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories is managed in a  
9 way that inspires confidence; and

10          WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories informs the  
11 national debate where technology policy is critical to  
12 preserving security and freedom throughout the world; and

13          WHEREAS, the mission of Kirtland air force base can be  
14 divided into four major categories: nuclear research and  
15 sustainment; research and development; test and evaluation;  
16 and operational organizations and support; and

17          WHEREAS, there are five major air commands of the air  
18 force represented on Kirtland air force base, including the  
19 air force materiel command, the air education and training  
20 command, the air combat command, the air force space command  
21 and the air force reserve; and

22          WHEREAS, both the army national guard and air national  
23 guard are represented on Kirtland air force base, as well as  
24 several field agencies and direct reporting units; and

25          WHEREAS, Kirtland air force base has an annual economic

1 impact of five billion six hundred million dollars  
2 (\$5,600,000,000), approximately four billion three hundred  
3 million dollars (\$4,300,000,000) of which is local; and

4 WHEREAS, employment associated with Kirtland air force  
5 base is estimated to represent one of every fourteen jobs in  
6 New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, educational outreach by Kirtland air force base  
8 is important to the future of New Mexico students; and

9 WHEREAS, the air force research laboratory's La Luz  
10 academy program, which is in its seventeenth year, is a  
11 hands-on science, technology, engineering and math education  
12 outreach program in which more than thirty-five thousand  
13 students from four hundred four schools and eighty-three  
14 school districts have participated;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be given to the  
17 important mission and economic impact of Sandia national  
18 laboratories and Kirtland air force base on the nation and on  
19 New Mexico's economy, security and future; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the governor, the members of the New Mexico  
22 congressional delegation and the appropriate interim  
23 legislative committee.