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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO DESIGNATE NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY'S PHYSICAL SCIENCE LABORATORY'S UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS FLIGHT TEST CENTER AS A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.

WHEREAS, unmanned aircraft systems are aircraft flown by pilots through ground control systems or flown autonomously through on-board computers and include all associated support, control, data, navigational and communication equipment necessary to safely and efficiently operate the aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the unmanned aircraft systems industry, with established, worldwide military applications and emerging non-military government and commercial applications, demonstrates potential for significant growth in coming decades; and

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1 WHEREAS, in the next fifteen years, a fully realized
2 unmanned aircraft systems industry could provide twenty-three
3 thousand new jobs and one billion six hundred million dollars
4 (\$1,600,000,000) in wages in sectors such as high-technology
5 manufacturing, academia, federal government agencies and
6 civilian and end-user communities; and

7 WHEREAS, a number of challenges in unmanned aircraft
8 systems research, development, testing, evaluation and
9 operating applications are leading to federal government
10 investment projects; and

11 WHEREAS, one of these projects will be a federal aviation
12 administration unmanned aircraft systems center of excellence,
13 through which partners will enhance the safety, security and
14 efficiency of the national airspace system, generally, and the
15 unmanned aircraft systems industry, specifically; and

16 WHEREAS, a number of states are vying for unmanned
17 aircraft systems development opportunities and funds; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a number of exceptional
19 environmental, research, development and infrastructure
20 resources that may be leveraged to position the state as a
21 leader in the developing unmanned aircraft systems industry,
22 generally, and as a prime candidate for a federal aviation
23 administration unmanned aircraft systems center of excellence,
24 specifically;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that the federal aviation administration be
2 requested to designate New Mexico an "unmanned-aircraft-
3 systems-friendly state" and that New Mexico state university's
4 physical science laboratory's unmanned aircraft systems flight
5 test center be designated as a center of excellence; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature support the
7 unmanned aircraft systems statewide coalition, a group of
8 representatives from academia, industry, the military and
9 government, to attract to New Mexico businesses, revenues and
10 jobs in the industry; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to members of the New Mexico congressional
13 delegation, the administrator of the federal aviation
14 administration and the secretary of transportation.