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50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT MUNICIPALITIES CREATE AND SUPPORT YOUTH
ADVISORY BOARDS, COUNCILS OR COMMISSIONS AND RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THOSE ENTITIES MAKE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, since 1992, the national league of cities has
incorporated the youth voice into its institute for youth,
education and families; and

WHEREAS, the forty-eighth legislature approved Senate
Memorial 4, recognizing and endorsing the Las Vegas youth
commission as a model youth participation project in local
government; and

WHEREAS, the forty-ninth legislature approved Senate
Memorial 34, recognizing and encouraging the formation of youth
councils and commissions at the municipal and county levels;
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1 WHEREAS, youth advisory councils or commissions have been
2 formed by the mayors of Santa Fe, Rio Rancho, Farmington,
3 Albuquerque and Red River, and by Deming high school, to
4 formally create a community role for the youth voice in those
5 communities, and they offer input, suggestions and
6 recommendations pertaining to issues that affect youth in the
7 community when deemed necessary and appropriate, or upon
8 request from the municipal governing bodies; and

9 WHEREAS, youth advisory councils and commissions provide
10 viable youth channels for service learning and community and
11 civic engagement programs where they did not previously exist;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that municipalities
14 be requested to establish youth advisory councils or
15 commissions, congratulating those that have already done so and
16 recognizing the unselfish and significant contributions made by
17 youth advisory boards, councils and commissions; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the mayors of Santa Fe, Rio Rancho, Farmington,
20 Albuquerque and Red River, to the board of education of the
21 Deming public school district and to the New Mexico municipal
22 league.