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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT MISSION AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES AND KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE ON THE NATION AND ON NEW MEXICO'S ECONOMY, SECURITY AND FUTURE.

WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories and Kirtland air force base are critical to the security and economy of New Mexico and the United States; and

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

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

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1 WHEREAS, the excitement and importance of Sandia national
2 laboratories' work, work environment and partnerships with
3 academia, industry, government and other partners, and Sandia
4 national laboratories' record of historic contributions help to
5 attract exceptional staff; and

6 WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories' innovations and
7 discovery of new technologies strengthen the nation's
8 technological superiority; and

9 WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories brings high-wage
10 jobs to New Mexico, including a permanent work force of ten
11 thousand four hundred nineteen plus four thousand seven hundred
12 forty-two contractors; and

13 WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories' employees are
14 recognized by their professional peers for their outstanding
15 contributions; and

16 WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories is managed in a way
17 that inspires confidence; and

18 WHEREAS, Sandia national laboratories informs the national
19 debate where technology policy is critical to preserving
20 security and freedom throughout the world; and

21 WHEREAS, the mission of Kirtland air force base can be
22 divided into four major categories: nuclear research and
23 sustainment; research and development; test and evaluation; and
24 operational organizations and support; and

25 WHEREAS, there are five major air commands of the air

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1 force represented on Kirtland air force base, including the air
2 force materiel command, the air education and training command,
3 the air combat command, the air force space command and the air
4 force reserve; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Kirtland air force base has an annual economic
9 impact of five billion six hundred million dollars
10 (\$5,600,000,000), approximately four billion three hundred
11 million dollars (\$4,300,000,000) of which is local; and

12 WHEREAS, employment associated with Kirtland air force
13 base is estimated to represent one of every fourteen jobs in
14 New Mexico; and

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

17 WHEREAS, the air force research laboratory's La Luz
18 academy program, which is in its seventeenth year, is a
19 hands-on science, technology, engineering and math education
20 outreach program in which more than thirty-five thousand
21 students from four hundred four schools and eighty-three school
22 districts have participated;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
24 OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be given to the important
25 mission and economic impact of Sandia national laboratories and

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1 Kirtland air force base on the nation and on New Mexico's
2 economy, security and future; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the governor, the members of the New Mexico
5 congressional delegation and the appropriate interim
6 legislative committee.

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