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HOUSE MEMORIAL 99

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ASK THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH TO MANAGE THE MEXICAN WOLF POPULATION IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the livestock industry in New Mexico contributed one billion seven hundred fifty million dollars (\$1,750,000,000) in 2012 to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, more than fourteen thousand New Mexicans are directly employed by the livestock industry in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the United States fish and wildlife service has implemented a Mexican wolf introduction program in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the United States fish and wildlife service recently enacted new rules to expand the area in New Mexico where Mexican wolves will be released and new wolf packs

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1 established; and

2 WHEREAS, Mexican wolf depredation and federal interdiction  
3 policies have caused economic harm to the livestock industry  
4 and local communities in southwestern New Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, wolf introduction efforts elsewhere in the United  
6 States have led to similar effects and caused decreases in wild  
7 deer and elk populations, while wolf populations have  
8 increased; and

9 WHEREAS, the federal government should consider all of the  
10 potential environmental and economic impacts of the revised  
11 federal Mexican wolf introduction program; and

12 WHEREAS, there are concerns about the federal government's  
13 ability to effectively manage Mexican wolves in New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, the department of game and fish could most  
15 effectively manage the Mexican wolf population because of its  
16 expertise regarding affected geographical areas and the  
17 environmental, ecological and economic issues relating to the  
18 management of the Mexican wolf population in New Mexico;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be  
21 requested to ask the United States department of the interior  
22 to permit the department of game and fish to manage the Mexican  
23 wolf population in New Mexico; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the secretary of the interior, the governor and

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the director of the department of game and fish.

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