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SENATE MEMORIAL 95

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2016 "SUPPORT FOR THE TRAILS OF THE  
ANCIENTS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is the birthplace of protected  
wilderness and lands that not only preserve heritage, but also  
public lands and water; and

WHEREAS, protected lands have proven to be good for the  
New Mexico economy and create sustainable jobs; and

WHEREAS, protected lands protect priceless historical,  
archaeological and paleontological resources and provide  
important habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, these lands provide a place for renewal of the  
human spirit and a place for study, reflection, hunting,  
camping, photography and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah wilderness

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1 study area creates a new opportunity for tourism and historical  
2 study in the northwest quadrant of the state; and

3 WHEREAS, protection of these lands must occur before they  
4 are lost to development, and there is an urgency to support  
5 protection; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of  
7 the federal Wilderness Act, and the protection of this proposed  
8 conservation area would add to the important and growing legacy  
9 of New Mexico land preservation;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
11 OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2016 be declared "Support for  
12 the Trails of the Ancients National Conservation Area Day" in  
13 the senate; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate support the  
15 protection of the Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah wilderness study area and  
16 surrounding federal lands and their designation as part of a  
17 national conservation area; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the governor and the director of the department  
20 of game and fish.