

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO STUDY THE  
3 COSTS OF PREPARING AND IMPLEMENTING MEMORIALS.

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5 WHEREAS, decades ago, the introduction of memorials was  
6 a rare occurrence, carrying much significance and  
7 memorializing prestigious members of New Mexico communities;  
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9 WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, the number of  
10 memorials introduced has dramatically increased; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1997, just fifteen senate memorials were  
12 introduced; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2017, with several days remaining in the  
14 regular session, more than one hundred fifty-five senate  
15 memorials have been introduced; and

16 WHEREAS, every day of a session, hours are spent  
17 discussing and debating memorials that have no legal effect  
18 while pressing legislative issues go unaddressed; and

19 WHEREAS, many state resources, including time, money  
20 and personnel, are expended in preparing, printing,  
21 introducing, discussing and debating memorials in committee  
22 and on the floor and, if they pass, which it seems nearly all  
23 of them do, implementing the requested action; and

24 WHEREAS, while many introduced memorials suggest  
25 implementation of a worthy study, a solution to a pressing

1 problem or the designation of a day worth recognizing, the  
2 full costs to taxpayers of preparing and implementing  
3 memorials are not known;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council  
6 be requested to study the total cost to the state of the  
7 prolific practice of preparing and implementing memorials;  
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study assess the time,  
10 money, personnel and other resources expended each year to  
11 prepare and implement memorials; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
14 council. \_\_\_\_\_

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