

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A "SCIENCE AND  
3 TECHNOLOGY TOURISM TRAIL".

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5 WHEREAS, the tourism department has developed the "New  
6 Mexico true trails" campaign to guide tourists in the land of  
7 enchantment to uniquely New Mexican experiences; and

8 WHEREAS, the tourism department promotes tourism trails  
9 dedicated to the arts, culinary interests, film locations,  
10 ghost towns, architecture and outdoor adventures; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to first-in-the-world  
12 science and technology experiments, discoveries and  
13 attractions that contribute to the state's uniqueness and  
14 desirability as a travel destination; and

15 WHEREAS, while some of New Mexico's signature science  
16 installations, including Los Alamos national laboratory,  
17 Sandia national laboratories and White Sands missile range,  
18 are not open to the public, the communities that host these  
19 installations provide ample opportunities for exploration of  
20 the significant discoveries and contributions to science and  
21 technology that have been born in New Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, the Trinity site, the Manhattan project  
23 national historic park, Los Alamos' downtown historic  
24 district and the Bradbury science museum in Los Alamos give  
25 visitors opportunities to experience and understand the

1 history of the Manhattan project's development and testing of  
2 the first atomic bomb and the ongoing technological advances  
3 coming out of Los Alamos national laboratory; and

4 WHEREAS, the national museum of nuclear science and  
5 history in Albuquerque and the White Sands missile range  
6 museum between Las Cruces and Alamogordo provide insights  
7 into the story of the atomic age and research related to  
8 nuclear and defense technologies; and

9 WHEREAS, Thomas Edison perfected a process for  
10 extracting gold from sand in the Ortiz mining district, and  
11 the mineral museum in Socorro delights with over fifteen  
12 thousand mineral specimens from New Mexico and around the  
13 world; and

14 WHEREAS, the very large array radio telescope facility  
15 near Socorro, spaceport America near Truth or Consequences  
16 and the Goddard planetarium in Roswell showcase world-class  
17 and cutting-edge explorations into outer space that are  
18 helping humanity understand the universe and the importance  
19 of space science to people's lives; and

20 WHEREAS, only in New Mexico can seekers of truth  
21 investigate the artifacts of "the Roswell incident" and the  
22 possible presence of alien life on earth at the international  
23 UFO museum and research center in Roswell; and

24 WHEREAS, the cosmic campground in Catron county offers  
25 the rare opportunity for amateurs and professionals alike to

1 study the night sky without the interference of light  
2 pollution; and

3 WHEREAS, inspiration and education on the wonders of  
4 taking to the sky in flight can be found at the Southwest  
5 soaring museum in Moriarty and the Anderson-Abruzzo  
6 Albuquerque international balloon museum in Albuquerque; and

7 WHEREAS, places of scientific and technological interest  
8 abound throughout the state, and visits to these renowned  
9 sites foster not only intrigue, excitement and inspiration,  
10 but also economic opportunities for New Mexico's communities;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state's  
13 science and technology-related history and attractions be  
14 regarded as worthy of promotion as tourist destinations; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tourism department be  
16 requested to develop a "science and technology tourism  
17 trail"; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the secretary of tourism. \_\_\_\_\_

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