

1 A MEMORIAL  
2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
3 CONSIDER RESTORATION OF THE ROUTE 66 MUSICAL HIGHWAY.  
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5 WHEREAS, in 2014, the National Geographic channel got  
6 permission from the New Mexico department of transportation  
7 to build one thousand three hundred feet of the "route 66  
8 musical highway" in Tijeras canyon; and

9 WHEREAS, the strip plays a short clip of "America the  
10 Beautiful"; and

11 WHEREAS, *Roadside America* describes how the highway was  
12 heated with giant blowtorches and a special rumble strip was  
13 pressed into the hot asphalt just inside the white line  
14 marking the edge of the road; and

15 WHEREAS, audio engineers designed strip patterns to  
16 produce the individual notes of a song when driven over at  
17 the proper speed; and

18 WHEREAS, the musical highway was only installed in the  
19 eastbound lane of route 66; and

20 WHEREAS, the New Mexico musical highway is only one of  
21 six of its kind in the world and the second in the United  
22 States; and

23 WHEREAS, the musical highway has fallen into great  
24 disrepair, with a section covered over with asphalt, leaving  
25 only a small section of the musical highway working properly;

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2 WHEREAS, the signs for the musical highway have also  
3 been removed; and

4 WHEREAS, if restored, the musical highway would have the  
5 potential for being a great asset for New Mexico tourism and  
6 the enjoyment of residents alike;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New  
9 Mexico department of transportation be requested to consider  
10 restoration of the route 66 musical highway; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
12 transmitted to the secretary of transportation. \_\_\_\_\_

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