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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 10
43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY
WILLIAM E. PORTER

FOR THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENERGY AND DEFENSE
CONVERSION COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES DIVISION OF THE
REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS TO PREPARE CHANGES TO THE BUILDING CODES OF THE
STATE TO PROTECT DARK SKIES.

WHEREAS, more than two hundred million dollars
(\$200,000,000) has already been invested in New Mexico for
astronomical observatories; and

WHEREAS, astronomy represents a potential clean industry to
the state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's viability as an international center
for astronomical research depends on dark skies, which are being
threatened by light pollution; and

WHEREAS, the excessive use of light wastes energy,
increases consumer costs, diminishes public appreciation of

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1 scenic vistas and interferes with the public's right to privacy;
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3 WHEREAS, exterior lighting technology is available that
4 provides better personal security, more efficient energy use,
5 less invasion of personal privacy and improved night time
6 aesthetics; and

7 WHEREAS, careful use of outdoor lighting with shielded or
8 redirected lights and low-pressure sodium light bulbs is energy
9 efficient and can enhance public safety without harming dark sky
10 resources; and

11 WHEREAS, Alamogordo, Cloudcroft and Tucson have already
12 enacted ordinances to require more sensitive exterior lighting
13 to the benefit of their local astronomy industries;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the construction industries division of
16 the regulation and licensing department, with the cooperation of
17 local governments, be requested to develop changes to the
18 building codes that require exterior lighting technologies and
19 design to protect New Mexico's dark skies resources; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent
21 to the director of the construction industries division.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

January 31, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

James Roger Madalena, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Macko, Roberts

Absent: None

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**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

February 15, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas P. Foy, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Carpenter, Rios, Sanchez, Stewart

Absent: None

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March 15, 1997

Mr. President:

Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against
Yes: 7
No: 0
Excused: Fidel, Griego, Robinson
Absent: None

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