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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 23

**43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997**

**INTRODUCED BY  
NICK L. SALAZAR**

**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**SUPPORTING THE GUADALUPE-HIDALGO TREATY LAND CLAIMS ACT OF 1997  
AND ENCOURAGING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO TAKE  
ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO ENSURE ITS ENACTMENT.**

**WHEREAS, the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo was signed by the  
United States of America and the Mexican Republic on February 2,  
1848; and**

**WHEREAS, the official name of the Treaty of Guadalupe-  
Hidalgo is the Treaty of Peace, Friendship, Limits and  
Settlement between the United States and the Mexican Republic;  
and**

**WHEREAS, the government of the Mexican Republic ceded to  
the United States the territory that became the states of  
Arizona, California, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and part of the  
state of Colorado; and**

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1           WHEREAS, the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo guarantees owners  
2 of property and their heirs rights of ownership; and

3           WHEREAS, provisions of the Treaty have not yet been fully  
4 implemented; and

5           WHEREAS, serious questions remain unresolved regarding the  
6 prior ownership of lands in the state of New Mexico, especially  
7 public lands; and

8           WHEREAS, the Guadalupe-Hidalgo Treaty Land Claims Act of  
9 1997, introduced in the United States House of Representatives  
10 as H.R. 260, would establish the Guadalupe-Hidalgo Treaty Land  
11 Claims Commission which will hear and resolve land claims  
12 brought by the heirs and descendants of Mexican citizens living  
13 in the territories ceded to the United States; and

14           WHEREAS, any ten or more eligible descendants who are also  
15 heirs to the same community land grant may file with the  
16 commission a petition on behalf of themselves and all other  
17 heirs to that land grant seeking a determination of the validity  
18 of the land claim on which the petition is based; and

19           WHEREAS, the Guadalupe-Hidalgo Treaty Land Claims Act of  
20 1997 shall establish a Community Land Grant Study Center to be  
21 located in Velarde, New Mexico at the Oñate center to assist in  
22 researching the historic basis of each petition filed with the  
23 commission;

24           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
25 STATE NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional delegation be

1 hereby requested to support the Guadalupe-Hidalgo Treaty Land  
2 Claims Act of 1997, H. R. 260, and to take all necessary action  
3 to assure adoption and enactment of that act by the 105th  
4 Congress and the President; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the President of the United States, the New  
7 Mexico congressional delegation and to the Onate center in  
8 Velarde, New Mexico.

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# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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, and thence referred to the  
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas P. Foy, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Carpenter, Larranaga, Rios, Sanchez, Stewart

Absent: None

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 18, 1997

Mr. President:

Your RULES 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,

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Gloria Howes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 4 For 0 Against

Yes: 4

No: 0

Excused: Aragon, Rodarte, Stockard

Abstain: Gorham

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