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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 29

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

INTRODUCED BY

RAYMOND G. SANCHEZ

A JOINT MEMORIAL

URGING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO WORK WITH NEW MEXICO COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS TO REVIEW EXISTING STATE-FUNDED STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS AND PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR FOR RESTRUCTURING THOSE PROGRAMS TO MAXIMIZE THEIR BENEFITS TO STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, higher education is one of the most important factors in the development of young people into active and productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, higher education has become more difficult for most students and families to afford due to the fact that the cost of tuition and fees at institutions of higher education has risen faster than the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS, as a result, state-funded student financial aid

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1 has become a very important tool, one that most students and
2 families rely on to make higher education accessible; and

3 WHEREAS, the state has limited resources available to
4 devote to financial aid, and, as such, needs to use those
5 resources in the most efficient manner possible;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the commission on higher education be
8 asked to work with New Mexico colleges, universities and student
9 associations to review existing state-funded student financial
10 aid programs and present recommendations for restructuring those
11 programs to maximize their benefits to students. The
12 recommendations should be presented to the appropriate
13 legislative interim committee and the governor by November 1,
14 1997; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the commission on higher education and the board
17 of regents of each state college and university.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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March 7, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE 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,

Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

Yes: 11

Excused: Garcia, M H. , Marquardt, Picraux, Salazar, Taylor,
J. P. , Watchman

Absent: None

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