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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 44

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

INTRODUCED BY

J. "ANDY" KISSNER

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR AND COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN MILES OF IMPROVEMENTS TO UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 70 IN DONA ANA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the city of Las Cruces and its suburbs, as well as nearby communities, have grown tremendously in recent years, increasing the city's population by thirty-seven and eight-tenths percent and the county's by forty and six-tenths percent during the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, the highest growth rate in the area is occurring in the census tracts immediately adjacent to United States highway 70;

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1 WHEREAS, United States highway 70 is a major feeder route
2 connecting Las Cruces with White Sands Missile Range, Alamogordo
3 and Ruidoso on the east and those locations with Deming,
4 Lordsburg and Tucson on the west; and

5 WHEREAS, the number of vehicle trips per day through the
6 interstate 25 and United States highway 70 interchange has
7 increased by about twenty-five percent over the past five years
8 and has the highest traffic count of any highway in the city;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, job centers crucial to the economy of Las Cruces
11 and the state such as White Sands Missile Range and Johnson
12 Space Center are dependent on United States highway 70 for
13 transportation access, as are public schools and industrial and
14 commercial facilities in the area; and

15 WHEREAS, the accident rate along that segment of highway is
16 unacceptably high, resulting in citizen complaints and demands
17 for improvements; and

18 WHEREAS, a state study of the highway corridor completed in
19 the late 1980s recommends reconstruction of United States
20 highway 70 to provide for controlled access and to increase its
21 capacity; and

22 WHEREAS, such improvements will provide for safety and
23 ensured economic development and expansion of space-related
24 facilities;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation
2 department, the United States department of transportation and
3 the New Mexico congressional delegation be requested to
4 cooperate to the fullest extent possible to obtain adequate
5 funds for the completion of construction of improvements to
6 approximately 14 miles of United States highway 70 in Dona Ana
7 county; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and
9 transportation department focus its right-of-way acquisitions
10 and initial construction on the fourteen miles of roadway in
11 Dona Ana county between interstate 25 and the community of
12 Organ; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of highway and transportation, the
15 secretary of the United States department of transportation, the
16 City of Las Cruces and the New Mexico congressional delegation.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 18, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Silva, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Larranaga, W. C. Williams

Absent: Olguin, Watchman, Whitaker

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March 10, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Fidel, Kidd, McKibben, Robinson

Absent: None

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