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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 32

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

INTRODUCED BY

JOHN PINTO

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FUND THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE NAVAJO COLLEGE CAMPUS IN SHIPROCK, NEW
MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the Navajo Community College was established and
chartered by the Navajo Tribal Council in 1968 to provide
educational opportunities to the Navajo people and others in
areas important to the economic and social development of the
Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Community College was recognized by the
United States Congress as the first Indian college through the
Navajo Community College Act; and

WHEREAS, the Shiprock Navajo Community College, established
in 1972, is one of six satellite campuses and the largest branch
campus of the Navajo Community College; and

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1 WHEREAS, in 1982 the Shiprock Navajo Community College
2 leased the old Bureau of Indian Affairs elementary school
3 facility, which was constructed in the late 1940s and closed in
4 the 1970s; the Navajo Community College has been housed in these
5 facilities on an annual use permit from the Bureau of Indian
6 Affairs; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1994, the Bureau of Indian Affairs conducted a
8 life safety code survey and cited more than three hundred
9 deficiencies and recommended immediate closure; some
10 deficiencies that posed serious health and safety hazards to the
11 students and faculty have been temporarily fixed, but many
12 deficiencies still exist; and

13 WHEREAS, the Shiprock Navajo Community College has
14 enrollment of more than five hundred students per semester and
15 the Shiprock agency population of forty-eight thousand can
16 comfortably handle more than one thousand students if facilities
17 were adequate, but the leased facility will not allow for the
18 physical expansion that is necessary to address the enrollment
19 and academic growth; and

20 WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation has withdrawn over five hundred
21 eighty acres of land for the Navajo Community College campus and
22 one of the three sites has been selected to be the location for
23 the new college campus; and

24 WHEREAS, through efforts of the New Shiprock Campus
25 Committee, the New Mexico legislature appropriated one hundred

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1 thousand dollars (\$100,000) in 1996 for the planning and
2 designing of the new college campus;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Congress of the United States be
5 requested to fund the construction of a full college campus for
6 the college education programs of the Navajo Community College
7 in Shiprock, San Juan County, New Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent
9 to every member of the New Mexico congressional delegation and
10 the Secretary of the Interior.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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16 Respectfully submitted,
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21 Gloria Howes, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano, Gorham

Absent: None

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION 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,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 12 For 0 Against

Yes: 12

Excused: Nicely

Absent: None

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