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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 42

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

INTRODUCED BY

FERNANDO R. MACIAS

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE WORK OF THE NEW MEXICO-TEXAS WATER COMMISSION THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE WATER USERS ORGANIZATION.

WHEREAS, the legislature understands the vital importance of the water to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the legislature finds that since 1980, southern New Mexico has been involved in interstate problems with regard to water with the city of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, over a decade of litigation with the city of El Paso over the export of New Mexico ground water was resolved with a settlement agreement, which led to the formation of the New Mexico-Texas water commission; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico-Texas water commission's ongoing goal is the study of the scarce water resources of the region

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1 and planning for the future utilization of the water resources;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the major local public entities dealing with water
4 in southern New Mexico, including the Elephant Butte irrigation
5 district, New Mexico state university, city of Las Cruces,
6 Anthony water and sanitation district, village of Hatch, town of
7 Mesilla and Dona Ana county, participate on the commission
8 through a group formed and known as the lower Rio Grande water
9 users organization; and

10 WHEREAS, the public entities in the lower Rio Grande water
11 users organization have cooperated in resource studies and
12 planning, which transcends jurisdictional boundaries, still
13 respecting the mission, roles, water and other rights of each
14 public entity; and

15 WHEREAS, the lower Rio Grande water users organization
16 supports funding projects of the New Mexico-Texas water
17 commission that will benefit southern New Mexico;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislature recognize and commend
20 the work of the New Mexico-Texas water commission in its efforts
21 to plan for the future for the utilization of its scarce water
22 resources and that it support funding for the commission, which
23 will benefit the citizens of southern New Mexico through the
24 lower Rio Grande water users organization.

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Mr. President:

Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 2, line 22, strike "funding for" and insert in
lieu thereof "efforts of".

2. On page 2, line 23, strike "southern".

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against
Yes: 6
No: None
Excused: Davis, Kysar, Payne, Tsosie
Absent: None

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