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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 69

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

INTRODUCED BY

PATRICK H. LYONS

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO STUDY
THE POTENTIAL FOR THE USE OF HORSES IN THE THERAPY AND CARE OF
CHILDREN FROM ABUSIVE FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, child victims of abuse have been so traumatized
that reinitiating social relations and reentering the world of
relatively normal human relationships is very difficult and fear
inducing; and

WHEREAS, animal therapy has been demonstrated to offer
positive effects on abused children, lessening the immediate
trauma; and

WHEREAS, a study of children in the battered families
facility in Clovis, New Mexico has shown that nine years of
experience with the Hebron Arabians has helped children involved
in the program refocus their emotional experiences away from the

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1 traumatic to the healing afforded by animal therapy;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families
4 department be requested to study the potential for using horses
5 to help children who have been victimized by abuse to recuperate
6 from their emotional experiences and reintegrate with society;
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and
9 families department report its findings and recommendations to
10 the appropriate interim legislative committee by December 1,
11 1997; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families.

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5 March 18, 1997
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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your CONSERVATION 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 Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 7 For 1 Against

Yes: 7

No: Davis

Excused: Eisenstadt, Lyons

Absent: None

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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Mr. Speaker:

Your LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES 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,

Rick Mi era, Chair man

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

Excused: Foy, Gentry, Marquardt

Absent: None

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