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SENATE MEMORIAL 42

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE  
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE BOSQUE REDONDO MEMORIAL  
COMMEMORATING THE DETENTION OF THE NAVAJO AND MESCALERO APACHE  
PEOPLE AT BOSQUE REDONDO FROM 1863 TO 1868.

WHEREAS, in 1863, the United States government detained  
nearly nine thousand Navajo and forced their migration across  
nearly three hundred fifty miles to Bosque Redondo; and

WHEREAS, Mescalero Apache people were also incarcerated  
there; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed to construct a monument to  
commemorate the experience of the people forced to live far  
from their homes, imprisoned by the United States government;  
and

WHEREAS, three million six hundred thousand dollars

1 (\$3, 600, 000) has been requested in severance tax bond money  
2 and five million dollars (\$5, 000, 000) has been requested from  
3 congress;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
5 OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be requested to  
6 support the construction and operation of the Bosque Redondo  
7 monument and memorial in remembrance of the Navajo and  
8 Mescalero people who were incarcerated at Bosque Redondo;

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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