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1 library programs to tribal communities that are located in
2 rural, impoverished areas of New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, tribal public libraries must compete for tribal
4 revenues often earmarked for infrastructure such as roads,
5 sewer and water lines, irrigation systems, emergency response
6 systems, adequate medical facilities and communications
7 systems that are lacking in tribal communities; and

8 WHEREAS, tribal public libraries are filled to capacity
9 but have limited staff to serve tribal communities with basic
10 services, including access to evening and weekend hours as
11 demanded by patrons; and

12 WHEREAS, tribal public libraries lack the space to
13 create computer laboratories, greatly limiting the provision
14 of information literacy and technology training that would
15 enhance library services;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the library
18 division of the cultural affairs department and the Indian
19 affairs department be requested to undertake a joint
20 comprehensive assessment of tribal libraries throughout the
21 state to determine financial resources and needs for the
22 operation of those libraries; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the library division of the
24 cultural affairs department and the Indian affairs department
25 be requested to present their findings and recommendations

1 regarding the operational financial needs of tribal libraries
2 to the appropriate interim legislative committees no later
3 than October 1, 2008; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs and the
6 secretary of Indian affairs.

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