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1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO DESIGNATE
3 NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY'S PHYSICAL SCIENCE LABORATORY'S
4 UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS FLIGHT TEST CENTER AS A CENTER OF
5 EXCELLENCE.

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7 WHEREAS, unmanned aircraft systems are aircraft flown by
8 pilots through ground control systems or flown autonomously
9 through on-board computers and include all associated support,
10 control, data, navigational and communication equipment
11 necessary to safely and efficiently operate the aircraft; and

12 WHEREAS, the unmanned aircraft systems industry, with
13 established, worldwide military applications and emerging non-
14 military government and commercial applications, demonstrates
15 potential for significant growth in coming decades; and

16 WHEREAS, in the next fifteen years, a fully realized
17 unmanned aircraft systems industry could provide twenty-three
18 thousand new jobs and one billion six hundred million dollars
19 (\$1,600,000,000) in wages in sectors such as high-technology
20 manufacturing, academia, federal government agencies and
21 civilian and end-user communities; and

22 WHEREAS, a number of challenges in unmanned aircraft
23 systems research, development, testing, evaluation and
24 operating applications are leading to federal government
25 investment projects; and

1 WHEREAS, one of these projects will be a federal
2 aviation administration unmanned aircraft systems center of
3 excellence, through which partners will enhance the safety,
4 security and efficiency of the national airspace system,
5 generally, and the unmanned aircraft systems industry,
6 specifically; and

7 WHEREAS, a number of states are vying for unmanned
8 aircraft systems development opportunities and funds; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a number of exceptional
10 environmental, research, development and infrastructure
11 resources that may be leveraged to position the state as a
12 leader in the developing unmanned aircraft systems industry,
13 generally, and as a prime candidate for a federal aviation
14 administration unmanned aircraft systems center of excellence,
15 specifically;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the federal aviation administration
18 be requested to designate New Mexico an "unmanned-aircraft-
19 systems-friendly state" and that New Mexico state university's
20 physical science laboratory's unmanned aircraft systems flight
21 test center be designated as a center of excellence; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature support the
23 unmanned aircraft systems statewide coalition, a group of
24 representatives from academia, industry, the military and
25 government, to attract to New Mexico businesses, revenues and

1 jobs in the industry; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to members of the New Mexico congressional
4 delegation, the administrator of the federal aviation
5 administration and the secretary of transportation.

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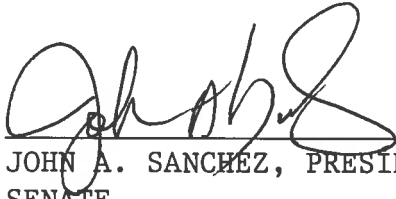
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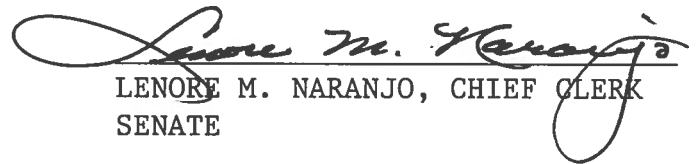
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