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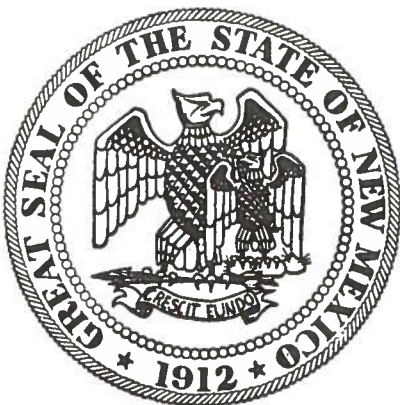
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Introduced by

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1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SANTA FE ENSURE THAT  
3 SUFFICIENT WATER IS RELEASED INTO THE SANTA FE RIVER TO  
4 SUPPORT TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE AROUND LA BAJADA AND LA  
5 CIENEGA.

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7 WHEREAS, residents of the areas around La Bajada and La  
8 Cienega in Santa Fe county have practiced traditional  
9 irrigated agriculture for generations; and

10 WHEREAS, these areas were once known as the "breadbasket  
11 of New Mexico"; and

12 WHEREAS, these communities are among the oldest  
13 settlements in New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, residents of these communities continue to  
15 maintain their lands and customs by wise and productive use of  
16 their land and water resources; and

17 WHEREAS, maintaining the heritage of these communities  
18 is important for retaining the diversity of people and  
19 cultures that truly makes Santa Fe unique; and

20 WHEREAS, the waters of the Santa Fe river are critical  
21 for the agriculture of these communities;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the city of  
24 Santa Fe and the county of Santa Fe work together to ensure  
25 that sufficient water is released into the Santa Fe river to

1 support traditional agriculture in the areas of La Bajada and  
2 La Cienega; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to the members of the Santa Fe city council and  
5 the Santa Fe county board of county commissioners.  
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