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HOUSE MEMORIAL 52

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A NEW INDIAN CENTER IN GALLUP,  
NEW MEXICO; REQUESTING THE INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO STUDY  
THIS OPPORTUNITY AND PROVIDE A REPORT.

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup has a long history of being an  
epicenter of Native American culture, especially for Navajo and  
Zuni people; and

WHEREAS, for several decades, the city of Gallup had a  
center for visitors to and neighbors of the Navajo Nation and  
the Pueblo of Zuni to rest, share and celebrate the Native  
American cultures; and

WHEREAS, the previous Indian center in the city of Gallup  
has been closed for many years; and

WHEREAS, residents of the area would like to once again  
plan and develop a center similar to the Farmington Indian

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1 center to provide various services and activities; and

2 WHEREAS, a new Indian center in the city of Gallup could  
3 be a place to share, participate, learn and preserve rich  
4 cultural heritage by offering a variety of cultural showcases  
5 and educational activities and opportunities;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Indian  
8 affairs department be requested to initiate a study of the  
9 feasibility of a new Gallup Indian center and seek advice from  
10 the Pueblo of Zuni and Navajo Nation regarding such a center;  
11 and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the secretary of Indian affairs, the mayor of  
14 the city of Gallup, the chair of the McKinley county board of  
15 county commissioners, the governor of the Pueblo of Zuni and  
16 the president of the Navajo Nation.