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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE SOCIETAL REASONS BEHIND RECENT MASS SHOOTINGS.

WHEREAS, there have been numerous mass shootings by apparently disaffected, young and primarily white males in recent years who have used military-type weapons and whose behavior would indicate a dislocation with societal norms; and

WHEREAS, the weapons themselves are not the cause of the problem; and

WHEREAS, studies have not been done to identify the root cause of the shootings or the disaffection of those who commit them; and

WHEREAS, beginning to determine the underlying causes of the problem could help prevent further incidents and save lives; and

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1 WHEREAS, the facilities for and scientists with the
2 expertise to conduct such a study reside at the university of
3 New Mexico;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
6 of psychology at the university of New Mexico be requested to
7 study the societal reasons behind recent mass shootings; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of psychology
9 at the university of New Mexico present the findings of its
10 study to the appropriate interim legislative committee by
11 November 1, 2013; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the president of the university of New Mexico
14 and the chair of the department of psychology at the university
15 of New Mexico.