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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY TO
CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND QUANTIFY THE AMOUNT OF RARE
EARTH MINERALS IN NEW MEXICO AND ASSESS WHETHER THAT AMOUNT
WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE STATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is shifting its energy approach to use
substantially more renewable energy technology; and

WHEREAS, the rare earth minerals needed for renewable
energy technology are limited in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
institute of mining and technology be requested to convene a
task force to study, quantify and prepare a report detailing
the amount of rare earth minerals within the state and
assessing whether that amount will be sufficient to meet the

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1 state's projected needs as the state's use of renewable energy
2 technology increases; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico institute of
4 mining and technology be requested to complete the report and
5 transmit a copy of the report to each member of the legislature
6 by January 1, 2024; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the board of regents of and the president of the
9 New Mexico institute of mining and technology.