1	SENATE MEMORIAL 17
2	51st legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013
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10	A MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF NEW MEXICO'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
12	TO ENCOURAGE AUTOMAKERS TO DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD NOTIFY
13	DRIVERS WHEN A CHILD IS IN A CAR SEAT BEFORE THE DRIVER EXITS
14	THE VEHICLE.
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16	WHEREAS, heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash
17	vehicle fatalities for children under the age of fourteen; and
18	WHEREAS, on average, thirty-eight children die in hot
19	motor vehicles each year from heat-related causes after being
20	trapped inside those motor vehicles; and
21	WHEREAS, more than one-half of the fatalities occur in
22	children under the age of two; and
23	WHEREAS, a child's temperature-regulating system is not as
24	developed as an adult's and can warm at a rate of three to five
25	times faster than an adult's; and
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WHEREAS, the number of heatstroke deaths in children that are attributable to their being left unattended in hot motor vehicles is trending upward; and

WHEREAS, incidents of heat-related fatalities can occur even on days with relatively mild temperatures because vehicles can reach life-threatening temperatures very rapidly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation be requested to encourage automakers to develop and implement technology that would notify drivers when a child is in a car seat before the driver exits the vehicle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation.

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