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SENATE MEMORIAL 36

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SUPPORT
THE INCLUSION OF THE UNITING AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT IN
IMMIGRATION REFORM LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRTEENTH UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

WHEREAS, preserving families and promoting family
reunification should be a cornerstone of the United States
immigration system; and

WHEREAS, American citizens should not be forced to choose
between their partners and their country; and

WHEREAS, the Uniting American Families Act would allow
Americans to keep their families together; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of United States fortune five
hundred companies are losing valued employees to foreign
competitors in more than twenty-five countries where laws allow

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1 these families to be together; and

2 WHEREAS, current laws also affect small business owners,
3 some of whom have been forced to move their businesses abroad
4 in order to keep their families together, often taking critical
5 United States jobs with them; and

6 WHEREAS, granting gays and lesbians the ability to sponsor
7 their partners would end considerable heartbreak and allow New
8 Mexico and the United States to retain valuable talent in all
9 manner of occupations; and

10 WHEREAS, the Uniting American Families Act would allow
11 United States businesses to recruit and retain the best and the
12 brightest and allow Americans to keep their families together
13 in the country they call home; and

14 WHEREAS, over two thousand five hundred faith leaders and
15 organizations from all fifty states support the Uniting
16 American Families Act; and

17 WHEREAS, the Uniting American Families Act enjoyed
18 bipartisan support in the one hundred twelfth United States
19 congress; and

20 WHEREAS, all New Mexicans deserve the chance to spend
21 their lives with the persons they love;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
23 OF NEW MEXICO that members of the New Mexico congressional
24 delegation be urged to support the inclusion of the Uniting
25 American Families Act in comprehensive immigration reform

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1 legislation; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional
4 delegation.

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