A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING PEDESTRIAN OVERPASSES ON OR NEAR
THE SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL CAMPUS ON CERRILLOS ROAD AND THE
NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF CAMPUS ON CERRILLOS ROAD AND
ST. FRANCIS DRIVE.

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school, which is located on
Cerrillos road, is a sovereign educational institution with
more than seven hundred students and staff members; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico school for the deaf, which is
located on the corner of Cerrillos road and St. Francis
drive, is a state educational institution with more than
three hundred fifteen students and staff members; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of students and staff members of Santa
Fe Indian school and the New Mexico school for the deaf, as
well as thousands of Santa Fe residents, use Cerrillos road
and St. Francis drive on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are no safety crosswalks or
structures in place on Cerrillos road and St. Francis drive
and many residents have been hurt or killed while using those
roads; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the individuals who use Cerrillos
road and St. Francis drive is a pressing concern for the
Santa Fe Indian school, the New Mexico school for the deaf
and the city of Santa Fe;

    NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be
requested to work with the Santa Fe Indian school and the New
Mexico school for the deaf to address the safety issues that
are facing the students and staff members of the Santa Fe
Indian school and the New Mexico school for the deaf, as well
as other pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists accessing St.
Francis drive and Cerrillos road near the two campuses; and

    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of
transportation be requested to make findings on the potential
solutions to the safety issues associated with Cerrillos road
and St. Francis drive in the area near the two schools,
including the feasibility of constructing pedestrian
overpasses, and report its findings to the appropriate
legislative interim committee by November 1, 2011; and

    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the secretary of transportation, the
superintendent of the Santa Fe Indian school and the board of
regents of the New Mexico school for the deaf.