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1 A MEMORIAL

2 CONDEMNING VIOLENCE DIRECTED AT ABORTION AND CONTRACEPTIVE
3 CLINICS; COMMENDING LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR ITS WORK TO END THE
4 VIOLENCE.

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6 WHEREAS, since January 22, 1973, the right to a safe and
7 legal abortion has been the law in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States congress passed the Freedom
9 of Access to Clinic Entrances Act of 1994 in May 1994; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2006, there were four hundred seventy-four
11 incidents of violence directed at abortion clinics nationally;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, there have been one hundred seventy-four
14 incidents of arson and ninety-four incidents of attempted
15 arson directed at abortion clinics in the last thirty years;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, there have been one thousand three hundred six
18 incidents of vandalism on abortion clinics in the last thirty
19 years; and

20 WHEREAS, abortion clinics in Albuquerque have been the
21 target of arson in March 1999, May 1999 and more recently, in
22 December 2007; and

23 WHEREAS, the December 6, 2007 arson of an Albuquerque
24 abortion clinic destroyed the clinic; and

25 WHEREAS, the violence continued on December 25, 2007

1 when there was an arson attempt on another Albuquerque
2 abortion clinic; and

3 WHEREAS, also on December 25, 2007, a contraceptive
4 clinic in Albuquerque was vandalized;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that violence
7 directed at abortion or contraceptive clinics shall never be
8 tolerated in the state of New Mexico; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal, state and local
10 law enforcement agencies be commended on their collaboration
11 and quick response in arresting two of the suspects in the
12 December violence; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state support the
14 continued collaboration of all law enforcement agencies
15 leading to the arrest, indictment and prosecution of these and
16 any future suspects; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the governor and to the department of public
19 safety for distribution to appropriate federal, state and
20 local law enforcement agencies.

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BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER
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