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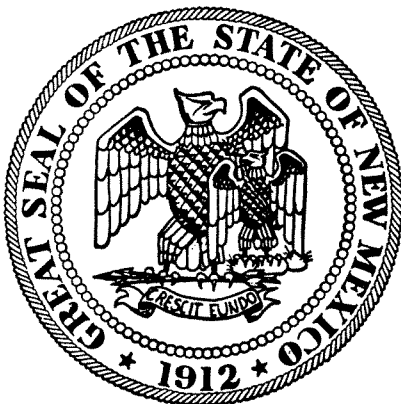
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Introduced by

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1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE  
3 NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE TO  
4 ASSESS THE STATE'S HONEYBEE POPULATION AND REPORT TO THE  
5 APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE BY DECEMBER 1, 2008 WITH  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESPONSE TO COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER.  
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8 WHEREAS, colony collapse disorder has plagued at least  
9 twenty-seven states and affected more than a quarter of the  
10 country's two million four hundred thousand honeybee colonies;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, honeybees pollinate the plants that make up  
13 one-third of our food supply, with as many as two of every  
14 three bites of food consumed by Americans made possible by the  
15 activities of honeybees, and the disappearance of honeybees  
16 could have a tremendous effect on the economy, our cuisine and  
17 our health; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico only has about fifteen to seventeen  
19 registered commercial beekeepers, and because most of them  
20 keep their bees in the state, New Mexico has not experienced  
21 the losses of honeybees that other states have to colony  
22 collapse disorder; and

23 WHEREAS, some New Mexico beekeepers have seen die-offs  
24 recently, but to date, neither the New Mexico department of  
25 agriculture nor the New Mexico state university cooperative

1 extension service has laboratory-confirmed cases of any  
2 disorder resembling colony collapse disorder in New Mexico;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, there is no definitive cause of colony collapse  
5 disorder agreed to by a consensus of entomologists nor are  
6 there definitive preventive measures to address the problem;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department  
9 of agriculture and the New Mexico state university cooperative  
10 extension service be requested to cooperate in investigations  
11 into the extent of the phenomenon of colony collapse disorder  
12 and to recommend measures to address the situation; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico department of  
14 agriculture and New Mexico state university report their  
15 recommendations to the appropriate committee of the  
16 legislature by December 1, 2008; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico department of  
19 agriculture and to the president of New Mexico state  
20 university.

S/ BEN LUJAN  
BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

S/ STEPHEN R. ARIAS  
STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK  
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