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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 3

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REDESIGN AND RECONSTRUCT UNITED STATES ROUTE 380 BETWEEN HONDO AND CARRIZOZO TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF SHIPPING TRUCKS OF THE SAME LENGTH AS USED ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS AND REQUESTING THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDING BE APPROPRIATED TO COMPLETE THE REQUEST.

WHEREAS, United States route 380 was commissioned in 1931; and

WHEREAS, Unites States route 380 links or subsumes several smaller routes, creating an east-west highway corridor from interstate highway 25 at San Antonio, New Mexico, to interstate highway 30 at Greenville, Texas; and

WHEREAS, United States route 380 is six hundred eighty-seven miles long and serves as an alternative shipping route from its junction with interstate highway 25 to Roswell, New

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1 Mexico; to Fort Worth, Texas; to Dallas, Texas; to Greenville,
2 Texas; and to numerous other towns along its path; and

3 WHEREAS, citing safety concerns regarding the roadway
4 curves on United States route 380 between Hondo and Carrizozo,
5 the department of transportation limits the length of shipping
6 trucks that may be used on that stretch of roadway to no more
7 than sixty-five feet in length; and

8 WHEREAS, the imposed length restriction creates expensive
9 and time-consuming logistical difficulties for companies that
10 use the United States route 380 corridor to make shipments to
11 locations in Lincoln county or to make shipments through
12 Lincoln county; and

13 WHEREAS, the imposed length restriction has created local
14 logistical difficulties for companies that use United States
15 route 380 from Roswell to Capitan to supply the local retail
16 grocery store and the local farm and ranch store in Capitan;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, local Lincoln county and Socorro county ranchers
19 have also experienced difficulties in moving their livestock to
20 points east of Capitan and have been advised to use
21 transportation routes that add significant time and expense for
22 such transport of livestock; and

23 WHEREAS, the board of county commissioners of Lincoln
24 county unanimously passed Resolution Number 2018-6 requesting
25 the legislature to address the safety concerns on United States

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1 route 380 so that its residents have access to opportunities
2 and markets that serve this rural area of the state; and

3 WHEREAS, Resolution Number 2018-6 also requested the
4 legislature to address the safety concerns on United States
5 route 380 to increase the safety of the roadway for all of the
6 people who use United States route 380, including those
7 visiting the historic sites in and around Lincoln and Fort
8 Stanton; and

9 WHEREAS, transportation and access to markets are vital to
10 rural communities, and the restrictions imposed on United
11 States route 380 limit the opportunities available to the
12 people and businesses in Capitan and Carrizozo and the central
13 portion of Lincoln county;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be
16 requested to redesign and reconstruct the curves on United
17 States route 380 between Hondo and Carrizozo to allow the same
18 length shipping trucks to use that roadway as use the
19 interstate highways; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature appropriate
21 sufficient funds in fiscal year 2020 to the department of
22 transportation to accomplish the redesign and reconstruction of
23 the curves on United States route 380 between Hondo and
24 Carrizozo; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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