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HOUSE MEMORIAL 25

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED AND INCREASED EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS AND THE SAFE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL TRADITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES TO ENSURE JOB GROWTH, TAX REVENUES AND IMPROVED ENERGY SECURITY.

WHEREAS, all New Mexicans deserve access to affordable and reliable energy, whether gasoline or electricity, and the state deserves equal access to investments that lead to tax revenues and provide essential services such as hospitals, infrastructure, emergency services and schools; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry is one of the leading industries in New Mexico and contributes a significant number of jobs and tax revenues to New Mexico's gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, United States domestic oil and natural gas

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1 production broke historic records in 2018 due in large part to
2 the energy-rich Permian basin; and

3 WHEREAS, the New Mexico oil and gas association's *Fueling*
4 *New Mexico* reports that revenue from oil and natural gas made
5 up almost thirty percent of New Mexico's general revenue in
6 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, pipelines and transmission lines serve a critical
8 role in delivering natural gas, petroleum and electricity to
9 meet the needs of families, small businesses, industries and
10 markets; and

11 WHEREAS, denying the expansion of existing pipelines and
12 the construction of new pipeline projects would impede the
13 significant revitalization of communities and manufacturing
14 industries in New Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico is the eighth-largest net supplier of
16 energy to the nation, according to a United States energy
17 information administration analysis; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico is business-friendly and welcomes
19 investments in the local economy; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico accounts for four percent of the
21 nation's total natural gas; and

22 WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry has proven itself to be
23 a good corporate citizen, contributing money and significant
24 time and talent to improving the lives of local residents,
25 while achieving environmentally responsible production; and

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1 WHEREAS, members of state government support the
2 strengthening of the local economy;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it support
5 continued and increased exploration and production of natural
6 gas and the safe development of all traditional and alternative
7 energy resources to ensure job growth and tax revenues and
8 improve the energy security of New Mexico's residents; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the governor, the commissioner of public lands,
11 members of the New Mexico congressional delegation and the
12 secretary of the United States department of the interior.