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SENATE MEMORIAL 18

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE PLANNING, ORGANIZATION AND CARRYING OUT OF ACTIVITIES
COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HISTORIC
ROUTE 66.

WHEREAS, route 66 was established in 1926 and served as a
vital transportation artery across the United States, fostering
economic growth and cross-cultural interactions important to
the creation of modern America; and

WHEREAS, the centennial anniversary of route 66 is
approaching, and celebrations and commemorations are being
scheduled all across America to acknowledge the importance of
this famous highway; and

WHEREAS, route 66 crossed five hundred thirty-five miles
of New Mexico, touching numerous communities and becoming a

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1 symbol of expansion and adventure in a critical time in the
2 state's and nation's history; and

3 WHEREAS, the New Mexico landscapes, landmarks and
4 historical sites along route 66 have become destinations for
5 travelers from all over the world, contributing to the state's
6 tourism industry; and

7 WHEREAS, the centennial anniversary of route 66 presents
8 an occasion to recognize and honor the contributions of New
9 Mexico's diverse communities and people along the historic
10 route; and

11 WHEREAS, congress has established the United States route
12 66 centennial commission; and

13 WHEREAS, the states of Arizona, California, Illinois,
14 Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas have
15 established an interstate consortium to enable resource and
16 expertise sharing; and

17 WHEREAS, the governor, by executive order, has established
18 the route 66 coordination group to identify projects and
19 activities within the state that align with the strategy of
20 promoting the route 66 centennial;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
22 OF NEW MEXICO that all state departments and agencies be
23 encouraged to collaborate in any way possible with planning,
24 organizing or supporting activities related to the route 66
25 centennial, with particular emphasis on the state's cultural

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1 heritage, historic attractions, artistic expressions and
2 culinary traditions, all in the name of promoting local
3 businesses and fostering economic prosperity; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the governor for distribution to all executive
6 departments and agencies.