

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TO  
3 LOCATE A REGIONAL PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IN THE  
4 ALBUQUERQUE AREA.

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6 WHEREAS, the United States patent and trademark office  
7 is considering locations for a regional satellite patent and  
8 trademark office; and

9 WHEREAS, the new regional office would bring about one  
10 hundred high-wage jobs and provide a critical resource for  
11 the large number of entrepreneurs and innovators in the area;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque area is home to a highly  
14 educated work force, a low cost of living and numerous and  
15 varied amenities that make the area ideally suited to a  
16 regional patent and trademark office; and

17 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque area is also home to a large  
18 number of patent attorneys and employees with science and  
19 engineering doctorates, and locating a regional patent and  
20 trademark office in the area would allow the United States  
21 patent and trademark office to help meet its mission of  
22 serving that community; and

23 WHEREAS, the combination of Sandia national  
24 laboratories, Los Alamos national laboratory, the Air Force  
25 research laboratory, New Mexico institute of mining and

1 technology, New Mexico state university and the university of  
2 New Mexico generates a vibrant, unique research and  
3 development culture in the area that would provide the  
4 United States patent and trademark office with a wealth of  
5 technically knowledgeable personnel from which to recruit  
6 patent examiners; and

7 WHEREAS, given New Mexico's relatively small population  
8 and high unemployment rate, locating a regional patent and  
9 trademark office in central New Mexico would have a larger  
10 economic impact than locating one in another state;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States patent and  
13 trademark office be strongly encouraged to locate its next  
14 regional office in the Albuquerque area; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to Mr. David Kappos, the under secretary for  
17 intellectual property, United States patent and trademark  
18 office, department of commerce; and the New Mexico  
19 congressional delegation.

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