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A MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING A SUITABLE RETIREMENT FOR FIGHTING COCKS.

WHEREAS, in the heated and emotional debate over whether to prohibit cockfighting in the state of New Mexico, a question that by all appearances will be settled in a matter of weeks, few have considered the fate that awaits the proud and mighty fighting cocks in their imminent retirement; and

WHEREAS, the lonely cluck of the warrior with no battle plucks at our heartstrings and stirs the very fabric of our compassionate souls; and

WHEREAS, if the fighting cocks are anything like the rest of us, they have devoted precious little time and energy to planning for their golden years; and

WHEREAS, it would be an intolerable and ironic injustice to free the fighting cocks from the arena, where they at least

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1 had half a chance to see the next sunrise, only to have them
2 land, literally, in the frying pan; and

3 WHEREAS, it is not in the public's interest to allow
4 retired fighting cocks to simply roam freely in New Mexico
5 because they have nasty dispositions and no tolerance for
6 other cocks and would almost certainly join the ranks of feral
7 cats and stray dogs, all the while spreading their dang little
8 feathers just about everywhere; and

9 WHEREAS, everybody loves a winner and, by definition,
10 each of the soon-to-be-retired fighting cocks is undefeated;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
13 appropriate state agencies be requested to design and
14 implement a retirement program befitting the majesty of the
15 fighting cocks that includes twice-weekly visits from the very
16 best cage-free hens the state has to offer, one high-
17 definition television for every six cocks and a subscription
18 to ESPN, animal planet and CMT pure country, but not to the
19 food network or FOX news.