

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT WITH  
"CHILDREN, OUR HIDDEN TREASURES" TO DESIGN AND ADMINISTER A  
PILOT PROJECT FOR ASSEMBLIES IN SCHOOLS TO SHOW THE REALITY  
AND HARDSHIPS OF SINGLE PARENTING.

WHEREAS, children from single parent homes are  
considered at risk, being four times as likely to be in the  
juvenile justice system, three times as likely to repeat the  
cycle and become single parents themselves and six times as  
likely to end up in abject poverty; and

WHEREAS, many children from single parent homes suffer  
from time neglect because, with work, there simply are not  
enough hours in the day for parents to fully meet the needs  
of their children; and

WHEREAS, many children born to single, school-age  
juveniles suffer greatly by the inability of the parent to

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1 take care of the child emotionally, physically, educationally  
2 or financially; and

3 WHEREAS, the reality of juvenile parenting is not fully  
4 understood by juveniles capable of having children;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be  
7 requested to contract with "Children, Our Hidden Treasures",  
8 a nonprofit corporation working with single parents and their  
9 children, to design and administer a pilot project for  
10 assemblies in the schools using a variety of media, including  
11 testimonials of single parents, to show the reality and  
12 hardship to both children and parents caused by single  
13 parenting and the financial hardship usually encumbered by  
14 federal and state government as a result of the costly care  
15 necessary to help those parents and their children; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the human services department and the state  
18 department of public education.