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SENATE MEMORIAL 1

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - 2ND SPECIAL SESSION, 2000**

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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES  
CENTER TO EXPAND ITS SERVICES IN RIO ARRIBA COUNTY AND OTHER  
NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, over its almost ten years of operations, the  
Los Pasos program and related programs, such as grandparents  
and relatives outreach project, comprehensive treatment teams  
program, Los Pasos head start initiative and universities  
networked in interdisciplinary training and education, or the  
UNITE project, have provided many services in northern New  
Mexico; and

WHEREAS, these programs, working in conjunction with one  
another, provided intensive support through primary pediatric  
medical care; legal mediation, social support for substance  
abuse and mental health issues; child development assessment  
and interventions services; and coordination of services  
across disciplines and agencies; and

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1           WHEREAS, these programs' efforts have been toward  
2 maintaining the integrity of families affected by drug and  
3 alcohol use while ensuring the physical and emotional safety,  
4 physical health and developmental needs of identified  
5 children; and

6           WHEREAS, these programs provide support to grandparents  
7 and other relatives who care for children prenatally exposed  
8 to alcohol, drugs and HIV and, in addition, provide early  
9 intervention services to children of head start ages; and

10          WHEREAS, the UNITE project is directed at the training  
11 of practitioners in medicine, law, social work and early  
12 childhood education; and

13          WHEREAS, the possible expansion of these programs to  
14 northern New Mexico is important because of their emphasis on  
15 providing care to all family members to change behaviors of  
16 substance abuse; supporting parents through mental health  
17 crises; and promoting consistent use of the health care  
18 system for preventive care and chronic disease management;

19          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the university of New Mexico health  
21 sciences center be commended for its outstanding programs and  
22 be encouraged to expand its efforts to improve health  
23 outcomes in Rio Arriba county and other northern New Mexico  
24 counties; and

25          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
transmitted to the president of the university of New Mexico  
and the director of the university of New Mexico health

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