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1           WHEREAS, many people with demonstrated knowledge and  
2 competence in their profession encounter barriers when  
3 attempting to access higher education programs; and

4           WHEREAS, awarding credit for prior learning includes the  
5 demonstration of competence through challenge examinations,  
6 portfolios, interviews and other forms of documentation and  
7 assessment; and

8           WHEREAS, the New Mexico early childhood higher education  
9 articulation task force has studied a variety of strategies of  
10 awarding credit for prior learning that would apply to a  
11 variety of disciplines;

12           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico early childhood higher  
14 education articulation task force, under the direction of the  
15 commission on higher education, be requested to develop a  
16 universal process appropriate for all institutions of higher  
17 education in New Mexico to award credit for prior learning and  
18 present these recommendations to the staff of the commission on  
19 higher education by September 30, 2001; and

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff review the task  
21 force report and make recommendations to the commission,  
22 appropriate legislative committees and the higher education  
23 community for broader applications and implementation; and

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the commission on higher education for

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