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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 37

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW MEXICO COALITION FOR LITERACY.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico coalition for literacy has provided funding, tutor training and technical assistance to community-based volunteer oriented adult and family literacy programs throughout New Mexico during the past fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, during the past fifteen years, approximately forty-five thousand adult students have been served by volunteer literacy programs statewide, funded in part by the New Mexico coalition for literacy; and

WHEREAS, over the course of fifteen years, approximately eighteen thousand volunteer tutors have received training from the New Mexico coalition for literacy and have provided
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approximately one million two hundred thousand hours of instruction for the students they have served; and

WHEREAS, over the course of fifteen years, the value of those tutoring hours amounted to approximately one million two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$1,230,000) per year, at a current cost to New Mexico taxpayers of only four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) per year; and

WHEREAS, a literate population in New Mexico means that adult New Mexicans will be able to obtain better jobs, continue toward higher education, become more involved in their children's education, register to vote, become better consumers, become more active in their communities and gain self-confidence and self-esteem;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the work of the New Mexico coalition for literacy in helping to eradicate adult illiteracy in New Mexico for the past fifteen years be recognized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the director of the New Mexico coalition for literacy.

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