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**SENATE MEMORIAL 9**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 4, 2002 AS "NEW MEXICO MESA DAY" AND  
HONORING THE MESA PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING STUDENTS TO SELECT AND  
EXCEL IN THE FIELDS OF MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico MESA, a nonprofit organization, is  
part of a national initiative to promote educational  
enrichment for pre-college students from historically  
underrepresented ethnic groups; and**

**WHEREAS, the New Mexico MESA program has grown  
dramatically since its introduction in seven schools in 1982  
and now provides thousands of middle, junior and high school  
students in ninety-one schools statewide with year-round  
support and career guidance in mathematics, engineering and  
science; and**

**WHEREAS, MESA activities include tutoring, independent**

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1 study, academic, university and career counseling, field trips  
2 and competitions, leadership workshops, summer enrichment,  
3 employment and mentorship programs and scholarship incentives;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, MESA provides support to students, teachers,  
6 families and communities; and

7 WHEREAS, through MESA's efforts, students receive the  
8 educational enrichment experiences and the practical help they  
9 need to achieve academic excellence and to prepare them to  
10 enroll in college, with mathematics, engineering and science  
11 as their major fields of study;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
13 OF NEW MEXICO that February 4, 2002 be designated as "New  
14 Mexico MESA Day"; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
16 sent to New Mexico MESA, incorporated.