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10	A MEMORIAL
11	DECLARING FEBRUARY 10, 2006 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE
12	NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
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14	WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to providing
15	access to quality education for all of its students from pre-
16	kindergarten through higher education; and
17	WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage that
18	is rooted in its unique history; and
19	WHEREAS, New Mexico's Latino students and communities
20	contribute to the multicultural heritage of the state, and with
21	improved educational attainment, represent a significant
22	promise for a bright economic future for the state; and
23	WHEREAS, data from the public education department, the
24	higher education department and the national center for
25	education statistics illustrate a significant achievement gap
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between Latino students and other student groups in New Mexico
schools; and

WHEREAS, this achievement gap results in considerable economic and social cost to the state as a result of Latino high school student dropout rates at nearly forty-four percent and an average of fifty percent non-completion rates for Latino students at the baccalaureate degree level; and

WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico, "Engaging Latino Communities for Education", has over the past four years established community partnerships including post-graduate institutions such as the university of New Mexico school of law and the school of medicine; and

WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes that a quality Latinofocused educational initiative will create a world-class educational system for all New Mexico students; and

WHEREAS, remaining responsive and responsible to students, parents and communities is imperative to educational success for students in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE recognizes, validates and embraces core Latino cultural values, including the strength of the *familia*, the bonds of *comunidad* and the mutuality of *respeto*; and

WHEREAS, students, parents and communities must define programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic change in this state; and

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1 WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have come 2 together in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation and 3 expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission; 4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 10, 2006 be declared "ENLACE New Mexico Day" in the New Mexico 6 7 house of representatives and that recognition be extended to 8 ENLACE New Mexico for its service in recognizing that, by 9 increasing opportunities for academic achievement, school 10 completion and engagement in higher education, ENLACE New 11 Mexico continues to improve educational opportunities and 12 results, not only for Latino students, but for all students in 13 New Mexico. 14 - 3 -15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 .161131.1

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