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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE DR. CANDACE  
12 KAYE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE  
13 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION INSTITUTE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD  
14 STUDIES, AND NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
15 FOR OPENING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND  
16 ECONOMIC EXCHANGE THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH  
17 THE MONGOLIAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION.

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19 WHEREAS, Mongolia is a mostly rural country located in  
20 Asia, is slightly smaller than Alaska and lies between China  
21 and Russia; and

22 WHEREAS, Mongolia has vast semi-desert and desert plains,  
23 grassy steppes with mountains in the west and southwest and,  
24 like New Mexico, experiences dust storms, grassland and forest  
25 fires, drought and harsh winter conditions; and

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1           WHEREAS, Mongolia has a population of three million two  
2 hundred thousand, compared to New Mexico's population of two  
3 million one hundred thousand; and

4           WHEREAS, Mongolia is a democracy with a registered voter  
5 turnout of more than eighty percent and in which women make up  
6 more than one-third of its government ministers; and

7           WHEREAS, Dr. Candace Kaye is a former United States  
8 diplomatic attache to Mongolia and a Fulbright scholar who, in  
9 2010 and 2011, conducted research in Mongolia on the impact of  
10 its educational policies for young children; and

11           WHEREAS, through Dr. Kaye's efforts, New Mexico state  
12 university's college of education has entered into a memorandum  
13 of understanding for a term of five years with the Mongolian  
14 state university of education to promote the exchange of  
15 students, faculty and administrative staff; and

16           WHEREAS, the educational systems in both Mongolia and New  
17 Mexico have similar goals and challenges in providing early  
18 childhood education to rural and underserved areas; and

19           WHEREAS, under the auspices of the memorandum of  
20 understanding, Mongolia seeks to transform its educational  
21 system from a teacher-centered approach that is a holdover from  
22 the country's former status as part of the former Soviet Union  
23 to a student-centered approach rooted in western thought and  
24 culture; and

25           WHEREAS, another purpose of the agreement is to promote

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1 collaborative research projects, lectures, symposia, seminars  
2 and workshops as well as the exchange of academic information  
3 and materials; and

4 WHEREAS, the memorandum of understanding between New  
5 Mexico state university and the Mongolian state university of  
6 education is an important first step toward expanded cultural,  
7 educational and economic exchange opportunities between  
8 Mongolia and New Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, the economies of both Mongolia and New Mexico  
10 depend on agriculture, the raising of livestock and the  
11 exploration and development of mineral and petroleum resources;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mongolia's estimated 2012 gross domestic product  
14 was fifteen billion two hundred twenty million dollars  
15 (\$15,220,000,000), with a real growth rate of twelve and seven-  
16 tenths percent; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico's 2012 gross domestic product was  
18 eighty-two billion five hundred million dollars  
19 (\$82,500,000,000), with a much lower growth rate of three and  
20 nine-tenths percent;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
22 OF NEW MEXICO that Dr. Candace Kaye be recognized for her  
23 scholarship in comparative early childhood educational policies  
24 and curricula, her longstanding interest in Mongolia and its  
25 people and her vision to formalize a mutually beneficial

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1 relationship between the Mongolian state university and New  
2 Mexico state university; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico state university's  
4 college of education be recognized as the first and only  
5 institution of higher education in the world to formalize a  
6 relationship with the Mongolian state university of education;  
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the New Mexico  
9 legislature be requested to educate their constituents  
10 regarding the potential opportunities for educational, cultural  
11 and economic exchange with Mongolia that have been opened by  
12 New Mexico state university through its memorandum of  
13 understanding with the Mongolian state university of education;  
14 and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the regents and president of New Mexico state  
17 university, the dean of the college of education of New Mexico  
18 state university, each member of the New Mexico legislature,  
19 Dr. Candace Kaye, the president of the Mongolian state  
20 university in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and the early childhood  
21 education sector of the ministry of education, culture and  
22 science of Mongolia.

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