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SENATE MEMORIAL 53

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2014 "TAKE BACK OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS DAY"
IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico's parents, children, educators and communities have come together to "keep the promise" for New Mexico's future by improving access to the high-quality public education that New Mexico's communities deserve; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve the promise of a bright future that is possible only with a great education; and

WHEREAS, public education should be well-rounded and culturally relevant, with an emphasis on critical thinking and developmental skills; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded public education system must embrace and promote learning opportunities through art, music, science, reading, mathematics, bilingual education and

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1 electives; and

2 WHEREAS, well-paid, highly qualified and experienced
3 educators, who are focused on student-centered learning
4 opportunities, are crucial to a successful public education
5 system; and

6 WHEREAS, children should arrive at school healthy,
7 motivated and inspired and should have access to high-quality
8 early education; and

9 WHEREAS, children learn best in an environment that is
10 compassionate and welcoming, and that promotes equity and
11 collaboration among parents, educators and students; and

12 WHEREAS, the goal of a high-quality public education
13 system requires fully funded safe schools that provide
14 community-based wraparound services, including mental health
15 services, health care, meal programs that address the
16 nutritional needs of students, technology, after-school
17 programs and necessary school resources, such as libraries and
18 supplies; and

19 WHEREAS, the vision of a high-quality public education
20 system encompasses well-maintained, inspiring classrooms and
21 small class sizes to encourage and foster a strong student-
22 educator relationship; and

23 WHEREAS, the success of this vision must acknowledge
24 poverty as a systemic issue and requires broad policy action
25 and courageous leadership aimed at promoting fair employment

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1 with livable wages and increased access to vital services;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2014 be declared "Take Back Our
4 Public Schools Day" in the senate; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
6 transmitted to keep the promise for New Mexico's future.

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