

A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 22, 2015 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is committed to providing access to quality education for all students, from pre-kindergarten through graduate and doctoral studies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage that is rooted in its unique history, geography and relations among its people of different identities, varying languages and diverse narratives; and

WHEREAS, over the past fifteen years, the organization engaging Latin communities for education, also known as ENLACE New Mexico, has established many great community partnerships, including partnerships with institutions that prepare students for careers in law, medicine and other professions; and

WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity and believes that a multicultural- and multilingual-focused educational initiative will create a world-class educational system for all students; and

WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE New Mexico recognizes, validates and embraces the core cultural values of its stakeholders, namely the strength of *familia*, the bonds of *comunidad* and the mutuality of *respeto*; and

WHEREAS, grassroots change is needed in New Mexico with

students, parents and communities defining the program and policy issues necessary to effect systemic change; and

WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have united in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation and expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has shown its commitment to education by demonstrating its support for programs such as ENLACE New Mexico;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to ENLACE New Mexico for increasing opportunities for academic achievement, school completion and success in higher education for all students in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 22, 2015 be proclaimed "ENLACE New Mexico Day" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the executive director of ENLACE New Mexico.