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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING RECOGNITION, SUPPORT AND PROMOTION OF ROBOTICS
EDUCATION AND COMPETITION IN NEW MEXICO AND REQUESTING THE
GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY AS "NEW MEXICO
ROBOTICS EDUCATION AND COMPETITION WEEKEND".

WHEREAS, New Mexico's national laboratories,
universities, industries and public and private schools
actively design, promote and engage students and employees in
robot projects and research; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico secondary students in grades three
through twelve are currently eligible to participate in and
learn science, technology, engineering and mathematics
through robot educational programs and competitions; and

WHEREAS, many New Mexico secondary and post-secondary
schools are implementing robotics curricula for students in
their daily school programs; and

WHEREAS, numerous New Mexico-based robot competitions
are available to all New Mexico students throughout the
academic year; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico-based robotic competitions
successfully draw international students to compete annually
with New Mexico's students; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico students are participating in global
robot education and competition programs based in other

1 countries, both virtually and physically; and

2 WHEREAS, international students are participating with
3 New Mexico students in robotic camps here in the state and
4 international educators are teaming up annually with
5 New Mexico educators in New Mexico-based robotic academics;
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7 WHEREAS, New Mexico students and educators are
8 collaborating and competing with international students and
9 educators to develop important global communication skills;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico industry in the twenty-first century
12 will require a labor force trained in science, technology,
13 engineering and math-based skills; and

14 WHEREAS, New Mexico students participating in robotics
15 education and competitions today will develop the skills
16 needed to fill the labor demands of tomorrow; and

17 WHEREAS, as an industry that does not depend on
18 New Mexico's limited water resources, robotics provides an
19 ideal opportunity for economic development since the only
20 limitation in robotics is one's imagination;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the importance of robotics education
23 and competitions be recognized as a keystone to engage the
24 interest of all students and educators in the fields of
25 science, technology, engineering and math throughout

1 New Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the higher education
3 department be requested to collaborate with New Mexico
4 secondary schools to support robotics education and
5 competitions; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tourism department be
7 encouraged to promote New Mexico as a destination "where the
8 world comes to play with robots"; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the economic development
10 department be encouraged to promote New Mexico robotics
11 education and competitions to increase participation of
12 national and international companies and to entice
13 participants to come to New Mexico; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
15 proclaim annually the first weekend in May as "New Mexico
16 Robotics Education and Competition Weekend"; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of higher
19 education, the secretary of tourism, the secretary of economic
20 development and the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
21 council.

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