

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 28, 2015 "NEW MEXICO EDUCATION POWERHOUSE
3 CONFERENCE DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, every human being should have the right to an
6 education; and

7 WHEREAS, high-stakes testing in public education has,
8 for some public educators, created a negative atmosphere; and

9 WHEREAS, some public educators have found the tests may
10 be age-inappropriate, inconsequential to children's learning,
11 not useful in providing instruction to educators and not
12 useful in the determination of teacher evaluation scores; and

13 WHEREAS, standardized tests are linked to state
14 standards that have resulted in a significant cost to
15 New Mexico taxpayers, lost instructional time in classrooms
16 and a negative impact on New Mexico students; and

17 WHEREAS, limited public resources for education have
18 been diverted away from the classroom to out-of-state
19 initiatives; and

20 WHEREAS, the network for public education is a national
21 advocacy group whose goal is to fight to protect and
22 strengthen public school systems as essential institutions in
23 a democratic society; and

24 WHEREAS, the American federation of teachers has
25 requested a delay in the implementation of high-stakes

1 testing due to concerns regarding perceived equality and
2 age-inappropriateness; and

3 WHEREAS, it is important for concerned community members
4 to protect, preserve, promote and strengthen public schools
5 and the education of current and future generations of
6 students; and

7 WHEREAS, the national education association-Santa Fe is
8 hosting an education powerhouse conference in Santa Fe on
9 February 28, 2015 to educate the public about the
10 implications of current policies in New Mexico;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 28, 2015 be declared
13 "New Mexico Education Powerhouse Conference Day" in the
14 senate; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the secretary of public education, the
17 legislative education study committee and the president of the
18 national education association-New Mexico. _____

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