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SENATE MEMORIAL 9

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE SENATE RECOGNIZE ROBORAVE INTERNATIONAL AS AN OFFICIAL ROBOTICS EDUCATION AND COMPETITION PROGRAM FOR NEW MEXICO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.

WHEREAS, RoboRAVE international is an initiative designed to make robotics accessible to all students; and

WHEREAS, a New Mexican teacher by the name of Smokey Trujillo coined the acronym RAVE, for Robotics Are Very Educational; and

WHEREAS, in December 2001, RoboRAVE international began to hold competitions, which have continued uninterrupted for nearly fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico students in grades three through twelve have been eligible to participate and learn science, technology, engineering and mathematics through direct

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1 application of content and process with robotics; and

2 WHEREAS, numerous communities throughout the state have  
3 now implemented robotics as a curriculum for students within  
4 their daily school programs; and

5 WHEREAS, RoboRAVE international draws students from around  
6 the world to compete in New Mexico annually with the state's  
7 students; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico students are invited to participate in  
9 global RoboRAVE international programs within other countries  
10 throughout the year; and

11 WHEREAS, robotics is a gateway for students interested in  
12 developing skills in engineering design, computer programming,  
13 teamwork, project documentation, international relations and  
14 economics; and

15 WHEREAS, the annual RoboRAVE international competition is  
16 held in Albuquerque every May and is open to all New Mexico  
17 students; and

18 WHEREAS, Albuquerque is known each year during the annual  
19 event as "Roboquerque - where the world comes to play with  
20 robots";

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
22 OF NEW MEXICO that RoboRAVE international be recognized as an  
23 official robotics education and competition program for New  
24 Mexico students and teachers; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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