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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2016 "PUBLIC EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, public educators are a vital and integral part of New Mexico's education system throughout eighty-eight diverse school districts; and

WHEREAS, instructional, support and ancillary personnel are responsible for the important task of educating future generations of New Mexicans and contribute daily to the growth and success of children, often in challenging settings; and

WHEREAS, educational assistants, instructional assistants and community support liaisons often serve high-needs student populations, including special education students and students with exceptional behavioral and social needs, and often assist teachers with the youngest students in schools; and

WHEREAS, facilities personnel, transportation workers, secretaries and cafeteria workers take pride in the rewarding roles they play within the educational system and work hard to serve all students; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's public higher education institutions continue to build upon the educational foundation that students received in high school, providing

1 students with essential skills and knowledge to enhance  
2 personal growth, economic opportunity and civic engagement;  
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4 WHEREAS, faculty at New Mexico's public colleges and  
5 universities conduct groundbreaking research that can lead to  
6 important contributions to the economic growth and social  
7 well-being of the state; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public educators are, as a whole,  
9 responsible for challenging, encouraging and preparing  
10 multiple generations of New Mexico's children for future  
11 success;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 15,  
14 2016 be declared "Public Educator Appreciation Day" in the  
15 house of representatives; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public educators be  
17 acknowledged for their immeasurable contributions, hard work  
18 and dedication to New Mexico public school students and their  
19 parents; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of public  
22 education.