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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 9, 2018 "NEW MEXICO TRiO PROGRAMS DAY" IN
THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, 2018 is the fifty-third anniversary of the
federal TRiO student support programs, and New Mexico was one
of the first states to implement the programs; and

WHEREAS, all TRiO programs are vested in the notion that
committed students deserve an opportunity to obtain higher
education without regard to race, gender, national origin or
disability status or their family's economic resources or
educational background; and

WHEREAS, seven TRiO programs are funded by the United
States department of education, including talent search, upward
bound, upward bound math and science, veterans upward bound,
student support services, educational opportunity centers and

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1 the Ronald E. McNair post-baccalaureate achievement program;
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3 WHEREAS, since 1965, more than ten million five hundred
4 thousand Americans from poor and working families have
5 benefited from the services of TRiO pre-college and college
6 programs; and

7 WHEREAS, as of 2014, more than one thousand two hundred
8 colleges, universities and community agencies in the country
9 host more than two thousand six hundred TRiO programs, serving
10 approximately eight hundred sixty-six thousand young people and
11 adults from poor and working families; and

12 WHEREAS, TRiO services include assistance in choosing a
13 college; tutoring; personal and financial counseling; career
14 counseling; assistance in applying to college; workplace and
15 college visits; special instruction in reading, writing, study
16 skills and mathematics; assistance in applying for financial
17 aid; and academic assistance in high school or assistance to
18 reenter high school; and

19 WHEREAS, TRiO programs have been providing educational
20 support and increased access to higher education for
21 disadvantaged students for more than forty years; and

22 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, there are thirty-six TRiO
23 programs, which bring in over twelve million dollars
24 (\$12,000,000) in federal funding and serve more than twelve
25 thousand students; and

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