

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL  
3 RETIREES; DECLARING FEBRUARY 22, 2019 "NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION  
4 OF EDUCATIONAL RETIREES DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.  
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6 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational  
7 retirees is an inclusive organization that promotes the  
8 professional, economic, intellectual, social and physical  
9 well-being of its members, encourages volunteer opportunities  
10 in the community and provides advocacy for improved  
11 retirement benefits for all educational retirees; and

12 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational  
13 retirees has twenty-six units statewide and a growing  
14 membership of more than six thousand one hundred retirees;  
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16 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational  
17 retirees began its community service program in 2008 and  
18 offers retired educators the opportunity to volunteer in  
19 schools, libraries, gardens, offices, churches, prison  
20 programs and animal shelters as well as to provide  
21 transportation to social services and care for family  
22 members; and

23 WHEREAS, the community service program assists  
24 individuals and entities that cannot provide the quantity or  
25 quality of services required to meet the needs of the retiree

1 population; and

2 WHEREAS, in 2008, retired educators in the community  
3 service program volunteered forty-five thousand nine hundred  
4 fifteen and one-half hours, calculated by the United States  
5 bureau of labor statistics at nineteen dollars fifty-two  
6 cents (\$19.52) per hour for a monetary value of eight hundred  
7 ninety-six thousand two hundred seventy dollars fifty-six  
8 cents (\$896,270.56); and

9 WHEREAS, in 2018, retired educators volunteered three  
10 hundred ten thousand seven hundred forty-two hours,  
11 calculated by the United States bureau of labor statistics at  
12 twenty-four dollars sixty-nine cents (\$24.69) per hour for a  
13 monetary value of seven million six hundred seventy-two  
14 thousand two hundred forty-four dollars sixty-seven cents  
15 (\$7,672,244.67); and

16 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational  
17 retirees additionally monitors legislation that affects  
18 educational retirees and has an established "adopt a  
19 legislator" program to communicate with legislators about  
20 issues that affect educational retirees; and

21 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational  
22 retirees provides support for the interests of retirees by  
23 having an association representative serve on the educational  
24 retirement board, the board of the retiree health care  
25 authority and other statewide committees;

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New  
3 Mexico association of educational retirees be recognized for  
4 its representation and advocacy on behalf of the educational  
5 retirees in New Mexico and for its contributions to the  
6 residents of New Mexico through its volunteer services; and

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 22, 2019 be  
8 declared "New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees Day"  
9 in the house of representatives; and

10          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
11 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico association of  
12 educational retirees. \_\_\_\_\_

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