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**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL RETIREES;  
DECLARING FEBRUARY 22, 2019 "NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF  
EDUCATIONAL RETIREES DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational  
retirees is an inclusive organization that promotes the  
professional, economic, intellectual, social and physical well-  
being of its members, encourages volunteer opportunities in the  
community and provides advocacy for improved retirement  
benefits for all educational retirees; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational  
retirees has twenty-six units statewide and a growing  
membership of more than six thousand one hundred retirees; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational  
retirees began its community service program in 2008 and offers

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1 retired educators the opportunity to volunteer in schools,  
2 libraries, gardens, offices, churches, prison programs and  
3 animal shelters as well as to provide transportation to social  
4 services and care for family members; and

5 WHEREAS, the community service program assists individuals  
6 and entities that cannot provide the quantity or quality of  
7 services required to meet the needs of the retiree population;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, in 2008, retired educators in the community  
10 service program volunteered forty-five thousand nine hundred  
11 fifteen and one-half hours, calculated by the United States  
12 bureau of labor statistics at nineteen dollars fifty-two cents  
13 (\$19.52) per hour for a monetary value of eight hundred ninety-  
14 six thousand two hundred seventy dollars fifty-six cents  
15 (\$896,270.56); and

16 WHEREAS, in 2018, retired educators volunteered three  
17 hundred ten thousand seven hundred forty-two hours, calculated  
18 by the United States bureau of labor statistics at twenty-four  
19 dollars sixty-nine cents (\$24.69) per hour for a monetary value  
20 of seven million six hundred seventy-two thousand two hundred  
21 forty-four dollars sixty-seven cents (\$7,672,244.67); and

22 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational  
23 retirees additionally monitors legislation that affects  
24 educational retirees and has an established "adopt a  
25 legislator" program to communicate with legislators about

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1 issues that affect educational retirees; and

2 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational  
3 retirees provides support for the interests of retirees by  
4 having an association representative serve on the educational  
5 retirement board, the board of the retiree health care  
6 authority and other statewide committees;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico  
9 association of educational retirees be recognized for its  
10 representation and advocacy on behalf of the educational  
11 retirees in New Mexico and for its contributions to the  
12 residents of New Mexico through its volunteer services; and

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

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico association of  
18 educational retirees.