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HOUSE MEMORIAL 53

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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 8, 2019 "UNM WORLD LANGUAGE EXPO DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CELEBRATION OF TWENTY YEARS OF DIVERSITY OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES.

WHEREAS, language impacts the daily life of everyone and helps people express feelings and desires and to interact with others; and

WHEREAS, spoken language allows humans to harness an innate ability to form lasting bonds with others and separates humanity from the rest of the animal kingdom; and

WHEREAS, the ability to communicate in multiple languages is becoming more and more important in an increasingly integrated global community; and

WHEREAS, learning another language correlates with higher academic achievement on standardized test measures as well as

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1 an increased ability to hypothesize, creatively solve problems  
2 and think critically; and

3 WHEREAS, learning another language fosters appreciation  
4 and communication across cultures, a necessity in a globally  
5 connected environment; and

6 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's foreign languages  
7 and literatures department celebrates the diversity of world  
8 languages and cultures by hosting the university of New  
9 Mexico's world language expo on March 2, 2019 on the university  
10 of New Mexico's main campus; and

11 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's world language  
12 expo is celebrating twenty years of breaking down the walls  
13 that separate languages and cultures by bringing together New  
14 Mexico high school and university students, teachers,  
15 professors and community members from all over the world to  
16 honor bilingualism; and

17 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's world language  
18 expo has celebrated more than forty languages and cultures,  
19 including Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, Italian,  
20 Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Arabic, Latin, ancient Greek,  
21 Swahili, African tribal languages, Farsi, Romanian, Hungarian,  
22 American sign language, K'iche', Hindi, Welsh and Dine; and

23 WHEREAS, hundreds of students learn about tai chi, the  
24 Chinese dragon dance, how to participate in a Japanese tea  
25 ceremony and Arabic dabkeh dancing; and

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1           WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's world language  
2 expo also features trivia and poster competitions, chalk art  
3 and poetry competitions;

4           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 8, 2019  
6 be declared "UNM World Language Expo Day" in the house of  
7 representatives and that twenty years of diversity of world  
8 languages and cultures be celebrated; and

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico language teachers  
10 be recognized for inspiring their students to become informed  
11 global citizens and to appreciate their roles in the world; and

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the chair of the university of New Mexico  
14 department of foreign languages and literatures and the  
15 president of the university of New Mexico.