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SENATE MEMORIAL 44

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 8, 2019 "NEW MEXICO NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network was established eighteen years ago to promote national board professional teaching standards certification for New Mexico teachers and to promote accomplished teaching throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network advocates for leadership opportunities for national board certified teachers and educates teachers about the national board's body of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network also supports candidates through the national board certification process, celebrates achievement, offers

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1 opportunities to all constituent groups and supports and
2 recognizes all national board certified teachers in all school
3 districts in the state and in the legislature; and

4 WHEREAS, national board certified teachers are nationally
5 recognized as being among the best teachers in the profession
6 with more than sixty-nine percent remaining in the classroom
7 after twenty years of teaching; and

8 WHEREAS, national board certification is a rigorous
9 process that can take up to three years to achieve; applicants
10 must demonstrate competency across three performance-based
11 domains and pass a written test of content and pedagogical
12 knowledge; and

13 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study conducted by the national
14 research council found that students of national board
15 certified teachers make greater gains on achievement tests over
16 time than students of non-certified teachers; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico has one thousand two hundred nineteen
18 national board certified teachers across forty-six public
19 school districts, bureau of Indian education schools and
20 charter schools, with fifty-nine percent of all national board
21 certified teachers and sixty-one percent of all national board
22 candidates serving in Title I schools; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks twenty-first in the nation for
24 national board certification and twelfth in the nation for
25 percentage of board certification, with five and three-tenths

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1 percent of all New Mexico teachers having achieved board
2 certification; and

3 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district, Santa Fe
4 public school district, Las Cruces public school district, Rio
5 Rancho public school district, Los Alamos public school
6 district and Gallup-McKinley county public school district are
7 the New Mexico school districts with the highest numbers of
8 national board certified teachers, with the Albuquerque public
9 school district being ranked sixteenth in the nation for the
10 number of national board certified teachers;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
12 OF NEW MEXICO that February 8, 2019 be declared "New Mexico
13 National Board Certified Teachers Day" in the senate to
14 acknowledge the achievements of all national board certified
15 teachers and their contributions to the learning and growth of
16 New Mexico students; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of public
19 education.