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SENATE MEMORIAL 70

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

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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 SENATE.

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 SENATE OF THE STATE
8 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico association of educational
9 retirees be recognized for its representation and advocacy on
10 behalf of the educational retirees in New Mexico and for its
11 contributions to the residents of New Mexico through its
12 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 senate; 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.