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HOUSE MEMORIAL 7

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2020 AS "NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, public educators are vital and integral parts of New Mexico's education system throughout the state in early education centers, eighty-nine diverse school districts, ninety-six charter schools and the state's institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, learning is a continuum from birth through career, each level building upon prior learning, and educators work to embrace students' cultural, linguistic and familial knowledge in order to create a truly enriching educational experience; and

WHEREAS, early education professionals work with New Mexico's youngest learners to lay a solid foundation for future

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1 learning and cultivate young minds in an effort to promote  
2 lifelong learning; and

3 WHEREAS, instructional personnel, support personnel and  
4 ancillary personnel are responsible for the important task of  
5 educating future generations of New Mexicans and contribute  
6 daily to the growth and success of the state's children, often  
7 in challenging settings; and

8 WHEREAS, educational assistants, instructional assistants  
9 and community support liaisons often serve high-needs student  
10 populations, including special education students and students  
11 with exceptional behavioral and social needs, and often assist  
12 teachers with the youngest students; and

13 WHEREAS, facilities personnel, transportation personnel,  
14 secretaries and cafeteria workers take pride in the rewarding  
15 role they play within New Mexico's education system from early  
16 education through higher education and work hard to serve all  
17 students; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public post-secondary educational  
19 institutions continue to build upon the educational foundations  
20 students received in high school and provide students with  
21 essential skills and knowledge that enhance personal growth,  
22 economic opportunity and civic engagement; and

23 WHEREAS, faculty at New Mexico's public colleges and  
24 universities conduct groundbreaking research that has led to  
25 important contributions to the economic growth and social

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1 welfare of the state; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public educators are, as a whole,  
3 responsible for challenging, encouraging and preparing  
4 generation after generation of New Mexico's children for future  
5 success by promoting and creating a twenty-first century,  
6 world-class education system in New Mexico;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 15,  
9 2020 be declared "New Mexico Public Educator Appreciation Day"  
10 in the house of representatives to acknowledge the immeasurable  
11 contributions and hard work public educators provide on behalf  
12 of students, parents, communities and New Mexico's places of  
13 learning; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of public education,  
16 the secretary of higher education and the secretary of  
17 children, youth and families.