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HOUSE MEMORIAL 17

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

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MAGNET SCHOOLS IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, there are approximately four thousand three hundred forty magnet or theme-based schools in the United States serving nearly three million five hundred thousand students; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district has nineteen magnet schools serving five thousand five hundred students; and

WHEREAS, eleven other school districts in New Mexico have magnet schools; and

WHEREAS, magnet schools are the original form of public school choice and have played an integral role in promoting racial and socioeconomic integration since the landmark United States supreme court decision of *Brown v. Board of Education*;

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2 WHEREAS, magnet schools are based on five pillars of
3 success: diversity, innovative curriculum and professional
4 development, academic excellence, high-quality instructional
5 systems and family and community partnerships; and

6 WHEREAS, students who attend racially and
7 socioeconomically diverse magnet schools have higher levels of
8 twenty-first century skills and capabilities, such as critical
9 thinking and communicating across different cultures; and

10 WHEREAS, students who attend racially and
11 socioeconomically diverse magnet schools are also more likely
12 to reject stereotypes, adopt multiple perspectives, develop
13 cross-racial friendships and seek out diverse colleges and
14 universities, workplaces and neighborhoods; and

15 WHEREAS, theme-based magnet schools provide families with
16 a wide variety of public school choice options that nourish the
17 individual talents and abilities of all students and prepare
18 students for college and future careers through innovative
19 teaching and learning; and

20 WHEREAS, magnet schools connect today's learning with
21 future opportunities through industry partnerships, workforce
22 connections and community support for students in all grades;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
25 contributions that magnet schools have made toward student

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1 excellence in New Mexico be recognized; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to magnet schools of America, the superintendent of
4 the Albuquerque public school district, the superintendent of
5 the Roswell independent school district, the superintendent of
6 the Clovis municipal school district, the superintendent of the
7 Las Cruces public school district, the superintendent of the
8 Gadsden independent school district, the superintendent of the
9 Carlsbad municipal school district, the superintendent of the
10 Deming public school district, the superintendent of the
11 Farmington municipal school district, the superintendent of the
12 Santa Fe public school district, the superintendent of the Taos
13 municipal school district and the chief executive officer of
14 middle college high school.