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SENATE MEMORIAL 41

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 6, 2020 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is committed to providing access to quality education for all students, from pre-kindergarten through graduate and doctoral studies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage that is rooted in its unique history, geography and relations among its people of different identities, varying languages and diverse narratives; and

WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, the organization engaging Latin communities for education, also known as ENLACE New Mexico, has established many great community partnerships with New Mexico high schools, higher education institutions and community organizations that prepare students for careers in a

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1 variety of professions; and

2 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity and
3 believes that a multicultural- and multilingual-focused
4 educational initiative will create a world-class educational
5 system for all students; and

6 WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE New Mexico recognizes,
7 validates and embraces the core cultural values of its
8 stakeholders, namely the strength of *familia*, the bonds of
9 *comunidad* and the mutuality of *respeto*; and

10 WHEREAS, grassroots change is needed in New Mexico with
11 students, parents and communities defining the program and
12 policy issues necessary to effect systemic change; and

13 WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have
14 united in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation and
15 expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission; and

16 WHEREAS, the legislature has shown its commitment to
17 education by demonstrating its support for programs such as
18 ENLACE New Mexico;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
20 OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to ENLACE New Mexico
21 for increasing opportunities for academic achievement, school
22 completion and success in higher education for all students in
23 New Mexico; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 6, 2020 be proclaimed
25 "ENLACE New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the executive director of ENLACE New Mexico.