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HOUSE MEMORIAL 1
55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022
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A MEMORIAL
DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2022 "NEW MEXICO NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED
TEACHERS RECOGNITION DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network was established in 2001 to promote national board 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 opportunities to all constituent groups and supports and

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1 recognizes all national board certified teachers in all school
2 districts in the state and in the legislature; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study conducted by the national
13 research council found that students of national board
14 certified teachers make greater gains on achievement tests over
15 time than students of non-certified teachers, and New Mexico
16 students of national board certified teachers have shown
17 fifteen to eighteen months' growth in one school year; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico has one thousand three hundred eighty
19 national board certified teachers who have been certified since
20 1995 across numerous public school districts, bureau of Indian
21 education schools and charter schools, with many national board
22 certified teachers and national board candidates serving in
23 Title I schools; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks twenty-first in the nation for
25 national board certification, eleventh for percentage of board

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1 certification, seventh for new national board certified
2 teachers and sixteenth for national board certified teachers
3 who have renewed their certifications, with six and two-tenths
4 percent of all New Mexico teachers having achieved board
5 certification; and

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district, Santa Fe
7 public school district, Las Cruces public school district, Rio
8 Rancho public school district and Los Alamos public school
9 district are the New Mexico school districts with the highest
10 numbers of national board certified teachers;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,
13 2022 be declared "New Mexico National Board Certified Teachers
14 Recognition Day" in the house of representatives to acknowledge
15 the achievements of all national board certified teachers and
16 their contributions to the learning and growth of New Mexico
17 students; and

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