

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 24, 2023 "NEW MEXICO TRIO PROGRAMS DAY" IN
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, on February 24, 1986, the first congressional
6 resolution, H. Con. Res. 278, designated a "national TRIO
7 day" in order to recognize the achievements of the TRIO
8 programs and the more than ten million Americans from
9 low-income and working families who have benefited from the
10 services of TRIO pre-college and college programs; and

11 WHEREAS, national TRIO day is an annual opportunity to
12 focus the nation's attention on the needs of disadvantaged
13 young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, the
14 necessary investment if these young people and adults are to
15 become contributing residents of the country and the talent
16 that will be wasted if that investment is not made; and

17 WHEREAS, 2023 is the fifty-seventh anniversary of
18 nationwide federal TRIO student support programs, and New
19 Mexico was one of the first states to implement these
20 programs; and

21 WHEREAS, all TRIO programs are vested in the notion that
22 committed students deserve an opportunity to obtain higher
23 education without regard to race, gender, national origin,
24 disability status, their family's economic resources or
25 educational background; and

1 WHEREAS, seven TRIO programs have been funded since 1965
2 by the United States department of education, including
3 talent search, upward bound, upward bound math/science,
4 veterans upward bound, student support services, educational
5 opportunity centers and the Ronald E. McNair
6 post-baccalaureate achievement program; and

7 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, there are thirty-nine TRIO
8 programs that generate nearly twelve million five hundred
9 thousand dollars (\$12,500,000) in federal funding and serve
10 nearly nine thousand students; and

11 WHEREAS, these successful federal programs work to help
12 low-income, first-generation, disadvantaged students or
13 students with disabilities to enter college and earn a
14 college degree; and

15 WHEREAS, the TRIO programs should be expanded to serve
16 more Americans;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the TRIO
19 programs be recognized for the important role they continue
20 to play in encouraging and assisting students seeking higher
21 education; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February be recognized as
23 national TRIO month and that February 24, 2023 be declared
24 "New Mexico TRIO Programs Day" in the house of
25 representatives; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to KellyAnn Weber, TRIO New Mexico president-elect, of Clovis community college. _____