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HOUSE MEMORIAL 8

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 13, 2023 "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

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1 opportunities to all constituent groups and supports and  
2 recognizes all national board certified teachers in all school  
3 districts in the state and in the legislature; and

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, one hundred sixty-three national board certified

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1 teachers were successfully renewed this certification cycle and  
2 eighty-six new national board certified teachers were  
3 certified; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks twenty-first in the nation for  
5 national board certification, eleventh for percentage of board  
6 certification, seventh for new national board certified  
7 teachers and sixteenth for national board certified teachers  
8 who have renewed their certifications, with six and two-tenths  
9 percent of all New Mexico teachers having achieved board  
10 certification; and

11 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district, Santa Fe  
12 public school district, Las Cruces public school district, Rio  
13 Rancho public school district and Los Alamos public school  
14 district are the New Mexico school districts with the highest  
15 numbers of national board certified teachers;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 13,  
18 2023 be declared "New Mexico National Board Certified Teachers  
19 Recognition Day" in the house of representatives to acknowledge  
20 the achievements of all national board certified teachers and  
21 their contributions to the learning and growth of New Mexico  
22 students; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of public  
25 education.

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