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HOUSE MEMORIAL 67

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

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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1           WHEREAS, 2023 is the fifty-seventh anniversary of  
2 nationwide federal TRIO student support programs, and New  
3 Mexico was one of the first states to implement these programs;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, all TRIO programs are vested in the notion that  
6 committed students deserve an opportunity to obtain higher  
7 education without regard to race, gender, national origin,  
8 disability status, their family's economic resources or  
9 educational background; and

10           WHEREAS, seven TRIO programs have been funded since 1965  
11 by the United States department of education, including talent  
12 search, upward bound, upward bound math/science, veterans  
13 upward bound, student support services, educational opportunity  
14 centers and the Ronald E. McNair post-baccalaureate achievement  
15 program; and

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

20           WHEREAS, these successful federal programs work to help  
21 low-income, first-generation, disadvantaged students or  
22 students with disabilities to enter college and earn a college  
23 degree; and

24           WHEREAS, the TRIO programs should be expanded to serve  
25 more Americans;

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1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the TRIO  
3 programs be recognized for the important role they continue to  
4 play in encouraging and assisting students seeking higher  
5 education; and

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

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

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