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HOUSE MEMORIAL 17

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

RITA G. GETTY

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING THE FIRST MONDAY AFTER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHOOL
VACATION AS "SCHOOL IS COOL DAY".

WHEREAS, in New Mexico in grades one through six, public
school children spend nine hundred ninety hours per year at
school, and in grades seven through twelve, they spend one
thousand eighty hours per year in school; and

WHEREAS, one of the biggest insults in public schools in
the United States is to call a child a "school boy" or a "school
girl"; and

WHEREAS, education makes up the largest portion of the
state's budget, and education needs are the number one priority
for both political parties; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has worked to increase the state's
education budget in the hopes of reducing the growing dropout

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1 rate; and

2 WHEREAS, not only is a change in funding needed in our
3 schools, but also a change in attitude; and

4 WHEREAS, parents of school children need to be reminded not
5 to brag about how poorly they did in school; and

6 WHEREAS, in addition to looking at ways to reduce class
7 size and building more schools to accommodate the fact that New
8 Mexico's school enrollment has grown by fifty thousand children
9 in the past ten years, we have to address ways to celebrate the
10 exchange of knowledge and the passing on of information that
11 fill the days of our school children and teachers; and

12 WHEREAS, investing in New Mexico's future also means
13 investing in the well-being of our school children, which
14 includes assuring them the attention and good energy they
15 deserve; and

16 WHEREAS, school children know how to have a good time
17 outside of school and it's high time they took their good
18 spirits with them behind school walls; and

19 WHEREAS, no matter how we spend our days, it's always a
20 good idea to spend time in healthy exchange, laughter and
21 frolic;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the first Monday
24 after the Christmas holiday school vacation be declared "school
25 is cool day"; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that buttons, bumper stickers and signs be created to commemorate "school is cool day"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction and the superintendents of each school district in New Mexico.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 14, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 11, strike "FIRST", and insert in lieu
thereof "SECOND".

2. On page 2, line 23, strike "first", and insert in lieu
thereof "second".

3. On page 3, line 2, after "signs", insert "may".

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Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

(Chief Clerk)

(Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

Yes: 11

Excused: Nicely, Vigil

Absent: None

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