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HOUSE MEMORIAL 24

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

INTRODUCED BY

MIGUEL P. GARCIA

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE VAUGHN SCHOOL BOARD TO REINSTATE THE TEACHERS WHO WERE SUSPENDED FOR TEACHING CHICANO HISTORY AND RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE.

WHEREAS, two teachers, Patsy Cordova and Nadine Cordova, were suspended from the Vaughn municipal school district for teaching language arts students about Cesar Chavez and the history of Chicano-Hispano people of New Mexico and the southwest; and

WHEREAS, these two teachers were also reprimanded for teaching units on racial and religious tolerance; and

WHEREAS, the superintendent of Vaughn municipal schools intends to recommend to the Vaughn school board that they be fired for insubordination; and

WHEREAS, Patsy and Nadine Cordova are lifelong residents of

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1 Vaughn, New Mexico and long-time teachers from that community;  
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3 WHEREAS, Chicano studies teach about the history, the  
4 culture and the five hundred-year struggle of a people's quest  
5 for equality and justice;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Vaughn  
8 municipal school district be requested to reinstate, with back  
9 pay, the suspended teachers and that Chicano studies curricula  
10 be made available in all schools of the state and that teachers  
11 be encouraged to teach these curricula so that all students may  
12 be able to gain knowledge of this ethnic group; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the Vaughn school board and the state board of  
15 education.

# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

**March 21, 1997**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Thomas P. Foy, Chairman**

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The roll call vote was 7 For 2 Against

Yes: 7

No: Larranaga, Mallory

Excused: Alwin, Luna, Rios, Sanchez

Absent: None

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