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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 58**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE THE FIFTEENTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW MEXICO COALITION FOR LITERACY.**

**WHEREAS, the New Mexico coalition for literacy has  
provided funding, tutor training and technical assistance to  
community-based volunteer oriented adult and family literacy  
programs throughout New Mexico during the past fifteen years;  
and**

**WHEREAS, during the past fifteen years, approximately  
forty-five thousand adult students have been served by  
volunteer literacy programs statewide, funded in part by the  
New Mexico coalition for literacy; and**

**WHEREAS, over the course of fifteen years, approximately  
eighteen thousand volunteer tutors have received training from  
the New Mexico coalition for literacy and have provided**

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1 approximately one million two hundred thousand hours of  
2 instruction for the students they have served; and

3 WHEREAS, over the course of fifteen years, the value of  
4 those tutoring hours amounted to approximately one million two  
5 hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$1,230,000) per year, at a  
6 current cost to New Mexico taxpayers of only four hundred  
7 thousand dollars (\$400,000) per year; and

8 WHEREAS, a literate population in New Mexico means that  
9 adult New Mexicans will be able to obtain better jobs,  
10 continue toward higher education, become more involved in  
11 their children's education, register to vote, become better  
12 consumers, become more active in their communities and gain  
13 self-confidence and self-esteem;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the work of the New Mexico coalition  
16 for literacy in helping to eradicate adult illiteracy in New  
17 Mexico for the past fifteen years be recognized; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico coalition for  
20 literacy.