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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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**DECLARING FEBRUARY 7, 2003 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" AT THE
LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage that
is rooted in its unique history; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico's Latino students and communities
contribute to the multicultural heritage of the state and with
improved educational attainment, represent a significant
promise for a bright economic future for the state; and**

**WHEREAS, data from the state department of public
education, the commission on higher education and the national
center for education statistics illustrate a significant
achievement gap between Latino students and other student
groups in New Mexico public schools; and**

WHEREAS, this achievement gap results in considerable

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1 economic and social costs to the state of New Mexico as a
2 result of high Latino student dropout rates with almost half of
3 Latino students in New Mexico not graduating from high school;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico, "Engaging Latino Communities
6 for Education", was established with the assistance of a grant
7 awarded by the W. K. Kellogg foundation as part of a national
8 initiative to improve the educational participation and
9 graduation rates of Latino students through enhanced community
10 involvement; and

11 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico has created a *Framework for*
12 *Success*, which outlines effective educational methods in
13 classes, schools and communities where Latino students are
14 gaining educational success; and

15 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico is dedicated to the goal of
16 improving Latino student achievement and reducing achievement
17 gaps;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 7, 2003 be declared "ENLACE
20 New Mexico Day" at the legislature and that recognition be
21 extended to ENLACE New Mexico for its service in recognizing
22 that by increasing opportunities for academic achievement,
23 school completion and engagement in higher education, ENLACE
24 New Mexico continues to improve educational opportunities and
25 results for Latino students.

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