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HOUSE MEMORIAL 44

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 10, 2006 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE
NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to providing
access to quality education for all of its students from pre-
kindergarten through higher education; and

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 public education department, the
higher education department and the national center for
education statistics illustrate a significant achievement gap

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1 between Latino students and other student groups in New Mexico
2 schools; and

3 WHEREAS, this achievement gap results in considerable
4 economic and social cost to the state as a result of Latino
5 high school student dropout rates at nearly forty-four percent
6 and an average of fifty percent non-completion rates for Latino
7 students at the baccalaureate degree level; and

8 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico, "Engaging Latino Communities
9 for Education", has over the past four years established
10 community partnerships including post-graduate institutions
11 such as the university of New Mexico school of law and the
12 school of medicine; and

13 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes that a quality Latino-
14 focused educational initiative will create a world-class
15 educational system for all New Mexico students; and

16 WHEREAS, remaining responsive and responsible to students,
17 parents and communities is imperative to educational success
18 for students in New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE recognizes, validates and
20 embraces core Latino cultural values, including the strength of
21 the *familia*, the bonds of *comunidad* and the mutuality of
22 *respeto*; and

23 WHEREAS, students, parents and communities must define
24 programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic
25 change in this state; and

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