

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING MARCH 9, 2007 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" AT THE  
3 LEGISLATURE.

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5 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to  
6 providing access to quality education for all students from  
7 pre-kindergarten through graduate and doctoral studies; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage  
9 that is rooted in its unique history, geography and relations  
10 among its people with different identities, varying languages  
11 and diverse narratives; and

12 WHEREAS, over the past five years, Engaging Latino  
13 Communities for Education (ENLACE) New Mexico has established  
14 community partnerships, including with institutions that  
15 prepare students for careers in law, medicine and other  
16 professions; and

17 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity and  
18 that a Latino-focused educational initiative will create a  
19 world-class educational system for all students; and

20 WHEREAS, students, parents and communities must define  
21 programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic  
22 change; and

23 WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE recognizes, validates and  
24 embraces the core cultural values of its stakeholders, namely  
25 the strength of familia, the bonds of comunidad and the

1 mutuality of respeto; and

2 WHEREAS, bottom-up change is needed in this state with  
3 students, parents and communities themselves defining the  
4 programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic  
5 change; and

6 WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have  
7 united in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation and  
8 expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission; and

9 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has shown its  
10 commitment to education by demonstrating its support for  
11 improving the New Mexico educational system by funding  
12 programs such as ENLACE;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 9, 2007 be recognized as  
15 "ENLACE New Mexico Day" at the legislature and that  
16 recognition be extended to ENLACE New Mexico for increasing  
17 opportunities for academic achievement, school completion and  
18 success in higher education, not only for Latino students,  
19 but for all students in New Mexico; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to local chapters of ENLACE statewide. \_\_\_\_\_