

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 11, 2009 AS "SCHOOLS ON THE RISE DAY" AT  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico's education standards, assessments  
and school accountability are now among the best in the  
country as judged by Education Week's quality counts survey;  
and

WHEREAS, the quality counts 2009 survey indicates that  
New Mexico's school reform policies are turning our  
educational system around, as evidenced by steady progress  
over the last six years; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has become a national model in the  
areas of early childhood education and college and career  
readiness and for having highly qualified teachers in all  
classrooms; and

WHEREAS, closing the achievement gap in New Mexico's  
schools is a goal of all dedicated educators, policymakers and  
residents of the state; and

WHEREAS, two hundred sixty-two of New Mexico's eight  
hundred eleven public schools met or exceeded adequate yearly  
progress this year; and

WHEREAS, through the hard work and dedication of faculty  
and administrators and their commitment to the future of all  
New Mexico's children, thirteen schools have been designated

as "Schools on the Rise" for achieving adequate yearly progress for two consecutive years after undergoing restructuring; and

WHEREAS, those schools are Reginald Chavez elementary school, Ventana Ranch elementary school and Eubank elementary school in Albuquerque public schools; Tierra Amarilla middle school in Chama Valley independent schools; Jemez Valley elementary school in Jemez Valley public schools; Mesilla Park elementary school in Las Cruces public schools; Mountain View elementary school in Moriarty-Edgewood schools; Peñasco elementary school in Peñasco independent schools; Sierra middle school, Pecos elementary school and Mountain View middle school in Roswell independent schools; G.W. Stout elementary school in Silver consolidated schools; and Tucumcari middle school in Tucumcari public schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 11, 2009 be declared "Schools on the Rise Day" at the house of representatives to honor and recognize those thirteen schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to each of the thirteen "Schools on the Rise".