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HOUSE MEMORIAL 20

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19 THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 2011 AS
"ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to New Mexico's
continued growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created in New Mexico and
the United States in the past decade have come from the
creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States department of
commerce, more than two thousand three hundred people become
independent entrepreneurs daily, joining more than twenty
million self-employed individuals, and making up more than
seventy-five percent of the nation's twenty-six million
business firms nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the partnership for twenty-first century skills

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1 identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as among the content
2 areas most critical to success in communities and workplaces;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the national governors association encourages
5 connecting education to economic growth industries, recognizing
6 that entrepreneurship and small business creation are the
7 growth engines of any economy; and

8 WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations, the
9 New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network, has joined together
10 in New Mexico with the shared vision of training and supporting
11 young entrepreneurs; and

12 WHEREAS, this coalition provides a variety of programs
13 focusing on student entrepreneurial development and supports
14 competitive events such as the governor's statewide youth
15 entrepreneurship business plan annual competition; and

16 WHEREAS, the coalition is comprised of a wide variety of
17 partners, including the economic development department, the
18 workforce solutions department, the higher education
19 department, the public education department, the New Mexico
20 small business development center, the United States small
21 business administration, many chambers of commerce and other
22 notable organizations; and

23 WHEREAS, throughout the United States, coalitions like the
24 New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network are actively engaged
25 in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through

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1 collaboration and cooperation with the national consortium for
2 entrepreneurship education; and

3 WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about
4 entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills
5 and attitudes of New Mexico's youths and adults to be
6 successful entrepreneurs is crucial to the long-term growth of
7 local communities, the state and the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives
9 resolved to recognize an annual national entrepreneurship week
10 that occurs this year during the week of February 19 through
11 February 26, 2011; and

12 WHEREAS, national entrepreneurship week provides an
13 opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which
14 entrepreneurship education can bring together the core
15 academic, technical and problem-solving skills essential for
16 future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future
17 workplaces;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the week of
20 February 19 through February 26, 2011 be declared
21 "Entrepreneurship Week" in the house of representatives; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the president of the board of directors of the
24 New Mexico rural development response council for distribution
25 to the supporters and partners of the New Mexico youth

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