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HOUSE MEMORIAL 40

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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 25, 2011 "NATIONAL TRIO DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, all TRiO programs are vested in the notion that committed students deserve an opportunity to obtain higher education without regard to race, gender, national origin or disability status, and regardless of their family's economic resources or educational background; and

WHEREAS, seven TRiO programs are funded by the United States department of education, including talent search, upward bound, upward bound math and science, veterans upward bound, student support services, the Ronald E. McNair postbaccalaureate program and educational opportunity centers; and

WHEREAS, since 1965, more than ten million five hundred .185898.1

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1 thousand Americans from poor and working families have  
2 benefited from the services of TRiO pre-college and college  
3 programs; and

4 WHEREAS, currently, more than one thousand two hundred  
5 colleges, universities and community agencies in the country  
6 host more than two thousand six hundred TRiO programs, serving  
7 eight hundred sixty-six thousand young people and adults from  
8 poor and working families; and

9 WHEREAS, TRiO services include assistance in choosing a  
10 college; tutoring; personal and financial counseling; career  
11 counseling; assistance in applying to college; workplace and  
12 college visits; special instruction in reading, writing, study  
13 skills and mathematics; assistance in applying for financial  
14 aid; and academic assistance in high school or assistance to  
15 reenter high school; and

16 WHEREAS, TRiO programs have been providing educational  
17 support and increased access to higher education for  
18 disadvantaged students for more than forty years; and

19 WHEREAS, in New Mexico and west Texas, there currently are  
20 thirty-six TRiO programs that bring in over twelve million  
21 dollars (\$12,000,000) in federal funding and serve more than  
22 twelve thousand students; and

23 WHEREAS, the congress of the United States first enacted  
24 National TRiO Day in 1986 to recognize the achievements of all  
25 TRiO programs and their role in advancing equal opportunity in

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1 post-secondary education; and

2 WHEREAS, TRiO day is meant to increase awareness and  
3 garner support for all TRiO programs, TRiO students, college  
4 graduates, administrators, counselors and state and federal  
5 supporters; and

6 WHEREAS, these successful federal programs work to help  
7 low-income and first-generation students to enter college and  
8 earn a college degree and should be expanded to serve more  
9 Americans;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 25,  
12 2011 be declared as "National TRiO Day" in the house of  
13 representatives; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to Roland Salas, director of student support  
16 services at New Mexico highlands university.