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SENATE MEMORIAL 29

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2011 AS "ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, in a future that is anticipated to be increasingly dependent on technology, New Mexico will need a highly literate population; and

WHEREAS, more than forty percent of the adults in New Mexico have a literacy problem that severely impacts their lives and families, their ability to work productively and their full participation as residents of the state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's community colleges and universities and its volunteer and community-based organizations provided basic skills and literacy services to more than thirty-two thousand adults between 2009 and 2010, including providing one million seven hundred thousand hours of instruction; and

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1 WHEREAS, two thousand six hundred ninety-one individuals
2 received their GED high school equivalency diplomas, more than
3 one thousand individuals enrolled in post-secondary education
4 or training and two thousand three hundred six individuals
5 entered or retained employment between 2009 and 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, the New Mexico higher education department, the
7 New Mexico coalition for literacy and numerous adult basic
8 education programs and community-based and nonprofit literacy
9 organizations are jointly committed to eradicating illiteracy
10 in the state; and

11 WHEREAS, without this array of adult basic education and
12 literacy programs, adult New Mexicans would find it difficult
13 to access the services and benefits to which they are entitled
14 in New Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, on January 25, 2011, Susana Martinez, governor of
16 New Mexico, declared February 15, 2011 as "Adult Basic
17 Education and Literacy Day" in New Mexico;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2011 be declared "Adult Basic
20 Education and Literacy Day" in the senate; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the secretary of higher education and the
23 executive director of the New Mexico coalition for literacy.