

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 18, 2012 AS "ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND
3 LITERACY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, in a future in which the work force is expected
6 to be increasingly dependent on technology, New Mexico needs
7 a highly literate population; and

8 WHEREAS, more than forty percent of the adult population
9 in New Mexico is reported to have literacy problems that
10 severely affect their lives and families, their ability to
11 work productively and their full participation as residents
12 of the state; and

13 WHEREAS, between 2010 and 2011, New Mexico's community
14 colleges and universities and its volunteer community-based
15 organizations provided basic skills and literacy services to
16 more than twenty-six thousand individuals enrolled in
17 post-secondary education or training, amounting to one
18 million six hundred ninety thousand hours of instruction; and

19 WHEREAS, during the same period, two thousand three
20 hundred forty-eight individuals received their general
21 educational development diplomas, more than one thousand
22 individuals enrolled in post-secondary educational or
23 training institutions and two thousand thirty-five
24 individuals entered or retained employment; and

25 WHEREAS, the higher education department, the New Mexico

1 coalition for literacy and numerous adult basic education
2 programs and community-based and nonprofit literacy
3 organizations are jointly committed to eradicating illiteracy
4 in the state; and

5 WHEREAS, without this array of adult basic education and
6 literacy programs, adult New Mexicans would find it difficult
7 to access the services and benefits to which they are
8 entitled;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 18, 2012 be proclaimed as
11 "Adult Basic Education and Literacy Day" in the senate; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the secretary of higher education and the
14 executive director of the New Mexico coalition for literacy.==

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