

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE  
3 DR. CANDACE KAYE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE  
4 NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION INSTITUTE  
5 FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES, AND NEW MEXICO STATE  
6 UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FOR OPENING OPPORTUNITIES  
7 FOR CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC EXCHANGE THROUGH A  
8 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MONGOLIAN STATE  
9 UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION.

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11 WHEREAS, Mongolia is a mostly rural country located in  
12 Asia, is slightly smaller than Alaska and lies between China  
13 and Russia; and

14 WHEREAS, Mongolia has vast semi-desert and desert  
15 plains, grassy steppes with mountains in the west and  
16 southwest and, like New Mexico, experiences dust storms,  
17 grassland and forest fires, drought and harsh winter  
18 conditions; and

19 WHEREAS, Mongolia has a population of three million two  
20 hundred thousand, compared to New Mexico's population of two  
21 million one hundred thousand; and

22 WHEREAS, Mongolia is a democracy with a registered voter  
23 turnout of more than eighty percent and in which women make  
24 up more than one-third of its government ministers; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Candace Kaye is a former United States

1 diplomatic attache to Mongolia and a Fulbright scholar who,  
2 in 2010 and 2011, conducted research in Mongolia on the  
3 impact of its educational policies for young children; and

4 WHEREAS, through Dr. Kaye's efforts, New Mexico state  
5 university's college of education has entered into a  
6 memorandum of understanding for a term of five years with the  
7 Mongolian state university of education to promote the  
8 exchange of students, faculty and administrative staff; and

9 WHEREAS, the educational systems in both Mongolia and  
10 New Mexico have similar goals and challenges in providing  
11 early childhood education to rural and underserved areas; and

12 WHEREAS, under the auspices of the memorandum of  
13 understanding, Mongolia seeks to transform its educational  
14 system from a teacher-centered approach that is a holdover  
15 from the country's former status as part of the former  
16 Soviet Union to a student-centered approach rooted in western  
17 thought and culture; and

18 WHEREAS, another purpose of the agreement is to promote  
19 collaborative research projects, lectures, symposia, seminars  
20 and workshops as well as the exchange of academic information  
21 and materials; and

22 WHEREAS, the memorandum of understanding between  
23 New Mexico state university and the Mongolian state  
24 university of education is an important first step toward  
25 expanded cultural, educational and economic exchange

1 opportunities between Mongolia and New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, the economies of both Mongolia and New Mexico  
3 depend on agriculture, the raising of livestock and the  
4 exploration and development of mineral and petroleum  
5 resources; and

6 WHEREAS, Mongolia's estimated 2012 gross domestic  
7 product was fifteen billion two hundred twenty million  
8 dollars (\$15,220,000,000), with a real growth rate of twelve  
9 and seven-tenths percent; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico's 2012 gross domestic product was  
11 eighty-two billion five hundred million dollars  
12 (\$82,500,000,000), with a much lower growth rate of three and  
13 nine-tenths percent;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Dr. Candace Kaye be recognized for  
16 her scholarship in comparative early childhood educational  
17 policies and curricula, her longstanding interest in Mongolia  
18 and its people and her vision to formalize a mutually  
19 beneficial relationship between the Mongolian state  
20 university and New Mexico state university; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico state  
22 university's college of education be recognized as the first  
23 and only institution of higher education in the world to  
24 formalize a relationship with the Mongolian state university  
25 of education; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the New Mexico  
2 legislature be requested to educate their constituents  
3 regarding the potential opportunities for educational,  
4 cultural and economic exchange with Mongolia that have been  
5 opened by New Mexico state university through its memorandum  
6 of understanding with the Mongolian state university of  
7 education; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the regents and president of New Mexico state  
10 university, the dean of the college of education of  
11 New Mexico state university, each member of the New Mexico  
12 legislature, Dr. Candace Kaye, the president of the Mongolian  
13 state university in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and the early  
14 childhood education sector of the ministry of education,  
15 culture and science of Mongolia. \_\_\_\_\_

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