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SENATE MEMORIAL 13

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 22, 2015 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is committed to providing access to quality education for all students, from pre-kindergarten through graduate and doctoral studies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage that is rooted in its unique history, geography and relations among its people of different identities, varying languages and diverse narratives; and

WHEREAS, over the past fifteen years, the organization engaging Latin communities for education, also known as ENLACE New Mexico, has established many great community partnerships, including partnerships with institutions that prepare students for careers in law, medicine and other professions; and

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1 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity and
2 believes that a multicultural- and multilingual-focused
3 educational initiative will create a world-class educational
4 system for all students; and

5 WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE New Mexico recognizes,
6 validates and embraces the core cultural values of its
7 stakeholders, namely the strength of *familia*, the bonds of
8 *comunidad* and the mutuality of *respeto*; and

9 WHEREAS, grassroots change is needed in New Mexico with
10 students, parents and communities defining the program and
11 policy issues necessary to effect systemic change; and

12 WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have
13 united in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation and
14 expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission; and

15 WHEREAS, the legislature has shown its commitment to
16 education by demonstrating its support for programs such as
17 ENLACE New Mexico;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to ENLACE New Mexico
20 for increasing opportunities for academic achievement, school
21 completion and success in higher education for all students in
22 New Mexico; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 22, 2015 be proclaimed
24 "ENLACE New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the executive director of ENLACE New Mexico.

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