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SENATE MEMORIAL 94

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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 6, 2015 "INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the area in the city of Albuquerque centered around Louisiana between Central and Zuni, comprising the communities of La Mesa, Trumbull, South San Pedro, Elder Homestead, Fair West and surrounding areas is known as the international district; and

WHEREAS, the residents living in that community come from various countries of origin and have diverse ethnic, racial and national backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, businesses in and around this area cater to a clientele from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the area is commonly recognized as the most internationally and culturally diverse in New Mexico, is a

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1 vibrant part of Albuquerque and has a rich history of
2 technological advancement; and

3 WHEREAS, Henry Edwards Roberts and three Kirtland air
4 force base colleagues founded Micro Instrumentation and
5 Telemetry Systems located in what is now Albuquerque's
6 international district; and

7 WHEREAS, the men built the first microcomputer prototype,
8 the Altair 8800, in October 1974, making the international
9 district home to the first personal computers; and

10 WHEREAS, Micro Instrumentation and Telemetry Systems hired
11 Paul Allen and Bill Gates to write a beginner's all-purpose
12 symbolic instruction code, more commonly referred to as BASIC,
13 for that first personal computer; and

14 WHEREAS, Paul Allen and Bill Gates then formed their own
15 company, Microsoft, and their original office still stands in
16 the international district; and

17 WHEREAS, the international district will continue its
18 historical tradition of embracing technological advancement by
19 hosting a public charter school for technology leadership that
20 is scheduled to open in the fall of 2015; and

21 WHEREAS, efforts to create a positive awareness of the
22 international district's past, present and future history and
23 diversity are supported by local county, city and state elected
24 officials;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that March 6, 2015 be declared "International
2 District Day" in the senate; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to members of the media in Albuquerque and Santa
5 Fe, to the principal of the leadership technology charter
6 school and to city and county officials representing the area.