

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 2, 2017 "INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT DAY" IN THE  
3 SENATE.

4  
5 WHEREAS, the area in the city of Albuquerque centered  
6 around Louisiana between Central and Zuni, comprising the  
7 communities of La Mesa, Trumbull, South San Pedro,  
8 Elder Homestead, Fair West and surrounding areas, is known as  
9 the international district; and

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

13 WHEREAS, the resettlement and refugee program of the  
14 late 1970s through the 1990s for the Vietnamese, Taiwanese,  
15 Cambodians and Laotians, run by Catholic charities, was based  
16 in the southeast area of Albuquerque, Trumbull village and  
17 La Mesa, now known as the international district; and

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

20 WHEREAS, the area is commonly recognized as the most  
21 internationally and culturally diverse in New Mexico, is a  
22 vibrant part of Albuquerque and has a rich history of  
23 technological advancement; and

24 WHEREAS, Henry Edwards Roberts and three Kirtland air  
25 force base colleagues founded Micro instrumentation and

1 telemetry systems located in what is now Albuquerque's  
2 international district; and

3 WHEREAS, the men built the first microcomputer  
4 prototype, the Altair 8800, in October 1974, making the  
5 international district home to the first personal computers;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Micro instrumentation and telemetry systems  
8 hired Paul Allen and Bill Gates to write a beginner's  
9 all-purpose symbolic instruction code, more commonly referred  
10 to as BASIC, for that first personal computer; and

11 WHEREAS, Paul Allen and Bill Gates then formed their own  
12 company, Microsoft, and their original office still stands in  
13 the international district; and

14 WHEREAS, the international district will continue its  
15 historic tradition of embracing technological advancement by  
16 hosting the public charter school, Technology Leadership high  
17 school, that opened in August 2015; and

18 WHEREAS, efforts to create a positive awareness of the  
19 international district's past, present and future and of its  
20 diversity are supported by local county, city and state  
21 elected officials;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 2, 2017 be declared  
24 "International District Day" in the senate; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

1 transmitted to members of the media in Albuquerque and  
2 Santa Fe, to the principal of Technology Leadership high  
3 school and to city and county officials representing the  
4 area.

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