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10 A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the resettlement and refugee program of the late  
23 1970s through the 1990s for the Vietnamese, Taiwanese,  
24 Cambodians and Laotians, run by Catholic charities, was based  
25 in the southeast area of Albuquerque, Trumbull village and La

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1 Mesa, now known as the international district; and

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

4 WHEREAS, the area is commonly recognized as the most  
5 internationally and culturally diverse in New Mexico, is a  
6 vibrant part of Albuquerque and has a rich history of  
7 technological advancement; and

8 WHEREAS, Henry Edwards Roberts and three Kirtland air  
9 force base colleagues founded Micro instrumentation and  
10 telemetry systems located in what is now Albuquerque's  
11 international district; and

12 WHEREAS, the men built the first microcomputer prototype,  
13 the Altair 8800, in October 1974, making the international  
14 district home to the first personal computers; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Paul Allen and Bill Gates then formed their own  
20 company, Microsoft, and their original office still stands in  
21 the international district; and

22 WHEREAS, the international district will continue its  
23 historic tradition of embracing technological advancement by  
24 hosting the public charter school, Technology Leadership high  
25 school, that opened in August 2015; and

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