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DECLARING FEBRUARY 10, 2018 "PUBLIC EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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WHEREAS, public educators are a vital and integral part of New Mexico's educational system throughout the state, in early education centers, eighty-eight diverse school districts and institutions of higher learning; and

9 WHEREAS, learning is a continuum from birth through 10 career, each level building upon prior learning and 11 educators' work to embrace students' cultural, linguistic and 12 familial knowledge to create a truly enriching educational 13 experience; and

14 WHEREAS, early education professionals work with
15 New Mexico's youngest learners to lay a solid foundation for
16 future learning and to cultivate young minds in an effort to
17 promote lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, instructional personnel, support personnel and ancillary personnel are responsible for the important task of educating future generations of New Mexicans and they contribute daily to the growth and success of children, often in challenging settings; and

23 WHEREAS, educational assistants, instructional
24 assistants and community support liaisons often serve
25 high-needs student populations, including special education SM 1

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students and students with exceptional behavioral and social needs, and they often assist teachers with the youngest students in schools; and

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WHEREAS, facilities personnel, transportation workers, secretaries and cafeteria workers take pride in the rewarding roles they play within the educational system and work hard to serve all students; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's public higher education institutions continue to build upon the educational foundation that students receive in high school, providing students with essential skills and knowledge to enhance personal growth, economic opportunity and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, faculty at New Mexico's public colleges and universities conduct groundbreaking research that has led to important contributions to the economic growth and social well-being of the state; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public educators are, as a whole, 19 responsible for challenging, encouraging and preparing 20 multiple generations of New Mexico's children for future 21 success by promoting and creating a twenty-first century, 22 world-class educational system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 10, 2018 be declared "Public Educator Appreciation Day" in the senate; and

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1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public educators be	
2	acknowledged for their immeasurable contributions, hard work	
3	and dedication to New Mexico public school students and their	
4	parents; and	
5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be	
6	transmitted to the governor and the secretary of public	
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