

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 14, 2019 "RUDOLFO ANAYA I LOVE TO READ  
3 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, reading is the most important skill a child  
6 will ever learn, as reading is the gateway to higher  
7 education and career success; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico's children need the support of  
9 caring adults to encourage them to read and to keep reading;  
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11 WHEREAS, books by and about New Mexico encourage a  
12 strong self-identity and help preserve unique New Mexican  
13 languages while strengthening important reading skills; and

14 WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya is a widely celebrated educator  
15 who truly believes that "leer es poder", meaning "reading is  
16 power", and whose efforts have brought critical attention to  
17 reading as the foundation of learning, which is essential to  
18 the growth and success of all children and their communities;  
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20 WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya is a native son of New Mexico  
21 with humble beginnings in Pastura in Guadalupe county, is  
22 today regarded as the father of Chicano literature and is the  
23 recipient of the national medal of arts, the national  
24 humanities medal, the American book award and numerous other  
25 accolades; and

1           WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya believes that all New Mexico  
2 children should be familiar with the folklore and traditions  
3 of their state's cultures, such as cuentos, dichos, plays,  
4 songs and Native American stories; and

5           WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya's efforts have brought critical  
6 attention to reading as the foundation of learning, which is  
7 essential to the growth and success of all children and their  
8 communities; and

9           WHEREAS, a reading program was established as a  
10 partnership between Rudolfo Anaya and the  
11 Christopher Montalvo memorial fund to inspire children to  
12 read more, and it is now in its fourth year; and

13           WHEREAS, the goal of this reading program is to  
14 encourage and recognize reading achievements by New Mexico  
15 children at home and in every New Mexico school; and

16           WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced in the first session  
17 of the fifty-fourth legislature to enact a public holiday  
18 declaring February 14 of each year "Rudolfo Anaya I Love to  
19 Read Day";

20           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 14, 2019 be declared  
22 "Rudolfo Anaya I Love To Read Day" in the senate; and

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all children in New Mexico  
24 enjoy reading with a caring adult on this day to encourage  
25 them to read and keep on reading; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
2 transmitted to Rudolfo Anaya and the reading program  
3 established with the Christopher Montalvo memorial fund.=====

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