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SENATE MEMORIAL 2

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2020 AS "NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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

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

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

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1 lifelong learning; and

2 WHEREAS, instructional personnel, support personnel and
3 ancillary personnel are responsible for the important task of
4 educating future generations of New Mexicans and contribute
5 daily to the growth and success of the state's children, often
6 in challenging settings; and

7 WHEREAS, educational assistants, instructional assistants
8 and community support liaisons often serve high-needs student
9 populations, including special education students and students
10 with exceptional behavioral and social needs, and often assist
11 teachers with the youngest students; and

12 WHEREAS, facilities personnel, transportation personnel,
13 secretaries and cafeteria workers take pride in the rewarding
14 role they play within New Mexico's education system from early
15 education through higher education and work hard to serve all
16 students; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public post-secondary educational
18 institutions continue to build upon the educational foundations
19 students received in high school and provide students with
20 essential skills and knowledge that enhance personal growth,
21 economic opportunity and civic engagement; and

22 WHEREAS, faculty at New Mexico's public colleges and
23 universities conduct groundbreaking research that has led to
24 important contributions to the economic growth and social
25 welfare of the state; and

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1 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public educators are, as a whole,
2 responsible for challenging, encouraging and preparing
3 generation after generation of New Mexico's children for future
4 success by promoting and creating a twenty-first century,
5 world-class education system in New Mexico;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
7 OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2020 be declared "New Mexico
8 Public Educator Appreciation Day" in the senate to acknowledge
9 the immeasurable contributions and hard work public educators
10 provide on behalf of students, parents, communities and New
11 Mexico's places of learning; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of public education,
14 the secretary of higher education and the secretary of
15 children, youth and families.