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SENATE MEMORIAL

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2022 "NEW MEXICO NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED  
TEACHERS RECOGNITION DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network was established in 2001 to promote national board certification for New Mexico teachers and to promote accomplished teaching throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network advocates for leadership opportunities for national board certified teachers and educates teachers about the national board's body of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network also supports candidates through the national board certification process, celebrates achievement, offers opportunities to all constituent groups and supports and

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1 recognizes all national board certified teachers in all school  
2 districts in the state and in the legislature; and

3 WHEREAS, national board certified teachers are nationally  
4 recognized as being among the best teachers in the profession,  
5 with more than sixty-nine percent remaining in the classroom  
6 after twenty years of teaching; and

7 WHEREAS, national board certification is a rigorous  
8 process that can take three to five years to achieve and  
9 requires that applicants demonstrate competency across three  
10 performance-based domains and pass a written test of content  
11 and pedagogical knowledge; and

12 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study conducted by the national  
13 research council found that students of national board  
14 certified teachers make greater gains on achievement tests over  
15 time than students of non-certified teachers, and New Mexico  
16 students of national board certified teachers have shown  
17 fifteen to eighteen months' growth in one school year; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico has one thousand three hundred eighty  
19 national board certified teachers who have been certified since  
20 1995 across numerous public school districts, bureau of Indian  
21 education schools and charter schools, with many national board  
22 certified teachers and national board candidates serving in  
23 Title I schools; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks twenty-first in the nation for  
25 national board certification, eleventh for percentage of board  
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1 certification, seventh for new national board certified  
2 teachers and sixteenth for national board certified teachers  
3 who have renewed their certifications, with six and two-tenths  
4 percent of all New Mexico teachers having achieved board  
5 certification; and

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district, Santa Fe  
7 public school district, Las Cruces public school district, Rio  
8 Rancho public school district and Los Alamos public school  
9 district are the New Mexico school districts with the highest  
10 numbers of national board certified teachers;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
12 OF NEW MEXICO that January 31, 2022 be declared "New Mexico  
13 National Board Certified Teachers Recognition Day" in the  
14 senate to acknowledge the achievements of all national board  
15 certified teachers and their contributions to the learning and  
16 growth of New Mexico students; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of public  
19 education.