

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2022 "NEW MEXICO NATIONAL BOARD
3 CERTIFIED TEACHERS RECOGNITION DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES.

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

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

14 WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher
15 network also supports candidates through the national board
16 certification process, celebrates achievement, offers
17 opportunities to all constituent groups and supports and
18 recognizes all national board certified teachers in all
19 school districts in the state and in the legislature; and

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

24 WHEREAS, national board certification is a rigorous
25 process that can take three to five years to achieve and

1 requires that applicants demonstrate competency across three
2 performance-based domains and pass a written test of content
3 and pedagogical knowledge; and

4 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study conducted by the national
5 research council found that students of national board
6 certified teachers make greater gains on achievement tests
7 over time than students of non-certified teachers, and New
8 Mexico students of national board certified teachers have
9 shown fifteen to eighteen months' growth in one school year;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico has one thousand three hundred
12 eighty national board certified teachers who have been
13 certified since 1995 across numerous public school districts,
14 bureau of Indian education schools and charter schools, with
15 many national board certified teachers and national board
16 candidates serving in Title I schools; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks twenty-first in the nation for
18 national board certification, eleventh for percentage of
19 board certification, seventh for new national board certified
20 teachers and sixteenth for national board certified teachers
21 who have renewed their certifications, with six and two-
22 tenths percent of all New Mexico teachers having achieved
23 board certification; and

24 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district, Santa
25 Fe public school district, Las Cruces public school district,

1 Rio Rancho public school district and Los Alamos public
2 school district are the New Mexico school districts with the
3 highest numbers of national board certified teachers;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,
6 2022 be declared "New Mexico National Board Certified
7 Teachers Recognition Day" in the house of representatives to
8 acknowledge the achievements of all national board certified
9 teachers and their contributions to the learning and growth
10 of New Mexico students; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of public
13 education. _____

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