

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 13, 2023 "NEW MEXICO NATIONAL BOARD  
3 CERTIFIED TEACHERS RECOGNITION DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, national board certification is a rigorous  
24 process that can take three to five years to achieve and  
25 requires that applicants demonstrate competency across three

1 performance-based domains and pass a written test of content  
2 and pedagogical knowledge; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS, one hundred sixty-three national board  
17 certified teachers were successfully renewed this  
18 certification cycle and eighty-six new national board  
19 certified teachers were certified; and

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

1 board certification; and

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

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 13, 2023 be declared  
10 "New Mexico National Board Certified Teachers Recognition  
11 Day" in the senate to acknowledge the achievements of all  
12 national board certified teachers and their contributions to  
13 the learning and growth of New Mexico students; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of public  
16 education.

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