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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 50

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

SHERYL M WILLIAMS

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA TASK FORCE TO  
CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONNEL CATEGORY OF SCHOOL  
COUNSELORS.

WHEREAS, elementary, middle, junior and high school  
children are being subjected to unprecedented social stresses,  
including fragmentation of families, drug and alcohol abuse,  
child abuse, poverty and violence; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of these children are  
exhibiting symptoms of distress such as emotional disorders,  
academic underachievement, disruptive behavior, juvenile  
delinquency and withdrawal; and

WHEREAS, counseling provided within public schools can  
reduce drug abuse, dropout rates, unemployment and  
incarceration; and

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1           WHEREAS, the state can help reduce academic, social and  
2 emotional problems of students by enhancing the availability and  
3 quality of public school counseling programs; and

4           WHEREAS, successful students contribute significantly more  
5 to the tax base; and

6           WHEREAS, school dropouts, gang members, pregnant teens and  
7 substance abusing youth are burdens on the taxpayer and  
8 contribute to rising crime; and

9           WHEREAS, school counselors contribute positively to  
10 students' progress and development, the school environment,  
11 student self-discipline, school attendance and academic  
12 achievement;

13           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public school funding formula task  
15 force be requested to study the establishment of a personnel  
16 category of school counselors in the public schools; and

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that school counseling programs be  
18 studied independently at the elementary, middle, junior and high  
19 school levels, including national pupil-counselor ratios,  
20 position statements, student expectations and pay scales; and

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public school funding  
22 formula task force make recommendations on school counseling  
23 programs to the legislative education study committee by  
24 December 1, 1996; and

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the members of the public school funding formula  
2 task force and the legislative education study committee.

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**State of New Mexico**  
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**FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION, 1996**

**February 8, 1996**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to**  
**whom has been referred**

**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 50**

**has had it under consideration and finds same to be**  
**GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.**

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

(Chief Clerk)

(Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Knowles, Lujan, Nicely, Ryan, J. G. Taylor, Wallach

Absent: None

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**State of New Mexico**  
**House of Representatives**

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**FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION, 1996**

February 14, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 50

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Trujillo, Weeks, SM Williams

Absent: None

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 15, 1996

Mr. President:

Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 50

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Howes, Chairman

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief Clerk)

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

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Yes: 5

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No: 0

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Excused: Aragon, Jennings, Wray

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Absent: 0

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