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**43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998**

**INTRODUCED BY**

**GAIL C. BEAM**

**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY  
THE FEASIBILITY AND ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDING ACADEMIC  
COMPETITION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

**WHEREAS, the Pojoaque high school robotics team placed  
second in the world at the international B. E. A. M robotic  
games and the Quanta international games for science and  
technology held at the City of Montessori College in Lucknow,  
India in November 1997; and**

**WHEREAS, students who were labeled at risk and  
unteachable and were enrolled in a special alternative  
learning class funded by a non-funding formula grant exceeded  
these expectations and won a prestigious international  
academic award; and**

**WHEREAS, the special alternative learning class helped**

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1 the students develop their abilities rather than criticize  
2 their shortcomings, and the students responded by applying  
3 their mechanical and electronic skills to solar robotics and  
4 excelled by distinguishing themselves and New Mexico in an  
5 international competition; and

6 WHEREAS, they and their parents had to struggle to raise  
7 the needed money to attend the international competition, and  
8 schoolmates and businesses contributed to raising the funds  
9 necessary for their attendance; and

10 WHEREAS, as a result of this effort, the team members  
11 have made the honor roll at Pojoaque high school, and the  
12 experience demonstrates the value of these competitions;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study  
15 committee be requested to study the feasibility and  
16 alternative sources of funding for academic competitions so  
17 that New Mexico students can participate in more prestigious  
18 competitions, such as the robotics event in India, and  
19 therefore be encouraged, as were the Pojoaque high school  
20 students, to excel and distinguish themselves; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee report its  
22 findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 1,  
23 1998; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the director of the legislative education study

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11 Yes: 6

12 No: Mallory

13 Excused: Beam, Nicely, Trujillo-Knauer, Vigil, W. C. Williams, Wright

14 Absent: None

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Excused: Garcia, Gorham, Rodriguez

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Absent: None

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