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SENATE MEMORIAL 2

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
ENDORSE AND COORDINATE WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS A FEDERAL,
STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT-SCHOOL TEACHER
SUBSTITUTE PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, a chronic shortage of qualified substitute
teachers exists in the public school system; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult for public schools to attract
qualified substitute teachers when the schools cannot provide
high pay, job security or benefits to substitute teachers; and

WHEREAS, the lack of substitute teachers frequently
requires classes to be combined or to be taught by unqualified
people; and

WHEREAS, government employees and retired employees
comprise a large pool of highly qualified potential substitute

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1 teachers; and

2 WHEREAS, the national governor's association has endorsed
3 public-private partnerships to foster a renewed national
4 commitment to community service and volunteerism;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that it encourage and request the state
7 department of public education to study the potential for
8 using state, federal, city and county public employees and
9 retired employees as volunteer substitute teachers; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of
11 public education develop and coordinate with the public
12 schools a pilot program to utilize such volunteers; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the state board of education, the state
15 superintendent of public instruction, the local public school
16 boards and the local superintendents of public education.