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HOUSE MEMORIAL 39

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999**

INTRODUCED BY

Luciano "Lucky" Varela

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO INCORPORATE  
FURNITURE MAKING AND THE HISTORY OF FURNITURE INTO ITS  
CURRICULUM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

WHEREAS, furniture in northern New Mexico has a rich  
cultural tradition, widely recognized for its distinctive  
style, quality and craftsmanship; and

WHEREAS, northern New Mexico furniture shows Mexican,  
Spanish, Moorish and Anasazi influences and modern workmanship  
reflects even broader traditions; and

WHEREAS, the southwestern furniture style, in turn, is  
influencing artisans all over the world; and

WHEREAS, many skills are involved in fashioning mostly  
wood materials into utilitarian and artful pieces, among them

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plant husbandry, lumbering, processing wood, fashioning a product, marketing and selling merchandise; and

WHEREAS, the diverse skills required for the whole furniture making process offer the opportunity to create jobs, preserve cultural traditions, educate young people and satisfy consumer desires; and

WHEREAS, Atalaya elementary school in Santa Fe has provided its students the opportunity to learn about the history, culture, economy, science and art of furniture through the teachings of master craftsman Miguel Chavez, and student participation has been enthusiastic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Santa Fe public schools and other schools support the educational approach that the curriculum at Atalaya elementary school offers, a hands-on and exciting teaching method that integrates many subjects and focuses students' attention, giving students practical and immediate benefits of education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the Santa Fe school board and to the superintendent of public instruction.

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8 Mr. Speaker:  
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10 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS.  
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The roll call vote was 15 For 0 Against

Yes: 15

Excused: Burpo

Absent: None

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