## A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CAL RIPKEN,

SR. FOUNDATION FOR PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO STUDENTS

IN UNDERSERVED AND DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, the Cal Ripken, Sr. foundation is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Baltimore, Maryland, that helps at-risk youth through evidence-based programs that teach productive and healthy life skills, with an emphasis placed on the subjects of science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, the foundation's mission is to provide educational support in America's most underserved and distressed communities; and

WHEREAS, at-risk youth are connected with trained adult mentors and teachers to address the students' and local areas' needs; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Cal Ripken, Sr. foundation launched a major, national initiative to set up turnkey science, technology, engineering and mathematics center programs for schools and youth organizations in both urban and rural areas, benefiting students between the ages of five and fourteen; and

WHEREAS, the school or organization provides space, and the foundation pays for, and installs, learning stations that

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offer a custom-designed curriculum with easy-to-use lesson plans, science, technology, engineering and mathematics modules, furniture and other materials; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Cal Ripken, Sr. foundation has set up two hundred seventy-seven science, technology, engineering and mathematics centers in schools in nineteen states, including forty-four elementary school centers in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, nearly one hundred thousand elementary and middle school students have been benefiting from these marvelous learning centers; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico legislators whose districts have Cal Ripken, Sr. foundation science, technology, engineering and mathematics centers wish to thank the Cal Ripken, Sr. foundation and its partners for their great generosity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the important contributions of the Cal Ripken, Sr. foundation be recognized for providing educational support to students in underserved and distressed communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the Cal Ripken, Sr. foundation.\_\_\_

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