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1 and actions by political leaders; and

2 WHEREAS, students should be encouraged to participate in
3 those age- and course-appropriate discussions and should feel
4 free to express their own views as appropriate; and

5 WHEREAS, public school teachers and other school
6 employees, while on duty, should focus on the performance of
7 their jobs, which, depending on the course and grade level
8 taught, may necessarily include informed instruction on and
9 disinterested and dispassionate discussions of world events and
10 the actions of political leaders; and

11 WHEREAS, in no case is it appropriate for public school
12 teachers or other public school employees while on duty to
13 express their personal opinions on world events or the actions
14 of political leaders;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state board of education and each
17 local school board be requested to ensure that public school
18 teachers and other public school employees while on duty
19 refrain from expressing their personal opinions on world events
20 and the actions of political leaders regardless of whether such
21 expressions are in the form of verbal or written statements;
22 the wearing of personal attire, lapel pins, buttons or similar
23 items; and the display in classrooms or other school property
24 where students gather of posters, bumper stickers or similar
25 material; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 transmitted to the members of the state board of education and
3 the president of each local school board in New Mexico.

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