1	A JOINT MEMORIAL
2	DECLARING MARCH 4, 2005 AS "NEW MEXICO APPRENTICESHIP DAY" AT
3	THE LEGISLATURE.
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5	WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs offer significant
6	economic benefit to New Mexico by producing highly skilled
7	workers; and
8	WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs offer individuals the
9	opportunity for training and employment experience in over
10	eight hundred skilled trades; and
11	WHEREAS, forty-four organizations, including businesses,
12	business associations and unions, sponsor apprenticeship
13	programs in New Mexico; and
14	WHEREAS, approximately two thousand individuals
15	participate as apprentices in these programs; and
16	WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs are almost exclusively
17	funded by the industries they serve;
18	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19	STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 4, 2005 be declared "New Mexico
20	Apprenticeship Day" at the legislature and that organizations
21	sponsoring apprenticeship programs be recognized for their
22	service to the citizens of New Mexico; and
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be
24	encouraged to support apprenticeship programs that are
25	economically and socially beneficial to the state SJM 25 Page 1