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HOUSE MEMORIAL 01

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE PRISONER
OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUIRE SKILLS USEFUL AFTER RELEASE FROM
PRISON.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for prisoners to
become educated while they are incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, the federal Literacy, Education and
Rehabilitation Act of 2004, H.R. 4752, is under consideration
as a means of encouraging the education of prisoners; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for prisoners to
prepare for life after prison; and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal residential substance abuse
treatment program can help prisoners to achieve that end; and

WHEREAS, families are destroyed when prisoners are
unnecessarily isolated from their children; and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal Children of Incarcerated

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1 Parents Study Act seeks to foster the preservation of family
2 ties of incarcerated parents and their children; and

3 WHEREAS, measures fostering education, preparation for
4 life outside prison and family preservation are beneficial to
5 both prisoners and their families;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that these three
8 important federal initiatives deserve the support of the New
9 Mexico legislature; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico congressional
11 delegation be asked to support these initiatives; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional
14 delegation, the director of the federal bureau of prisons and
15 the director of the national institute of corrections.

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