

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 33

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 STRENGTHENING THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO
12 ENLACE AND NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY'S COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
13 SERVICE TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATION OF HISPANIC STUDENTS.

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15 WHEREAS, the public school system of New Mexico is more
16 than fifty-three percent Hispanic, and the achievement gap of
17 Hispanic students continues at an unacceptably high rate; and

18 WHEREAS, college attendance rates are low, resulting from
19 the inadequate preparation of Hispanics at the pre-kindergarten
20 through grade twelve level, and this poor educational profile
21 has implications for the economic future of the state; and

22 WHEREAS, New Mexico state university's mission is to serve
23 the educational needs of New Mexico's diverse populations and
24 is the state's land grant college, and the federal Morrill Act
25 reflects the belief that "American social and economic

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1 development could best be served if higher education were made
2 broadly available to the citizenry"; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico state university's cooperative
4 extension service has a presence in all counties of New Mexico;
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6 WHEREAS, parental involvement is crucial to the
7 educational success and excellence of Hispanic students, and
8 Hispanic families want their children to stay in and succeed in
9 school but are unsure of the many ways that they can help; and

10 WHEREAS, the college of agriculture and home economics
11 cooperative extension service currently provides workshops and
12 information on a variety of issues to serve the people of New
13 Mexico;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico state university
16 cooperative extension service and southern New Mexico ENLACE
17 explore ways to integrate the ENLACE parent university
18 workshops into their scope of work to assist Hispanic parents
19 to become "coaches" and "advocates" for their children's
20 success and excellence; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the New Mexico state university cooperative
23 extension service and southern New Mexico ENLACE.