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SENATE MEMORIAL 30

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 10, 2006 AS "ENLACE DAY".

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to providing access to quality education for all New Mexico students from pre-kindergarten to higher education; and

WHEREAS, Latinos and Hispanics comprise fifty-three percent of New Mexico's K-12 student population and nearly fifty percent of the student body at New Mexico colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, a high Latino and Hispanic student high school dropout rate of forty-four percent and an average undergraduate non-completion rate of fifty percent results in an achievement gap and considerable economic and social costs to the state; and

WHEREAS, over the past four years, Engaging Latino

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1 Communities for Education (ENLACE) New Mexico has established  
2 community partnerships, including institutions in the education  
3 pathway in law and medicine; and

4 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity; that a  
5 Latino-focused educational initiative will create a world-class  
6 educational system for all students; and

7 WHEREAS, remaining responsive and responsible to students,  
8 parents and communities is imperative to students' educational  
9 success; and

10 WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE recognizes, validates and  
11 embraces the core cultural values of its stakeholders, the  
12 strength of familia, the bonds of comunidad, and the mutuality  
13 of respeto; and

14 WHEREAS, bottom-up change is needed in this state with  
15 students, parents and communities themselves defining the  
16 programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic  
17 change; and

18 WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have  
19 united in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation and  
20 expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
22 OF NEW MEXICO that February 10, 2006 be recognized as "ENLACE  
23 Day"; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to local chapters of ENLACE statewide.

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