

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 32

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 RECOGNIZING JANUARY 25, 2008 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" AT THE
12 LEGISLATURE.

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14 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to providing
15 access to quality education for all students from pre-
16 kindergarten through graduate and doctoral studies; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage that
18 is rooted in its unique history, geography and relations among
19 its people with different identities, varying languages and
20 diverse narratives; and

21 WHEREAS, over the past five years, engaging latino
22 communities for education (ENLACE) New Mexico has established
23 community partnerships, including with institutions that
24 prepare students for careers in law, medicine and other
25 professions; and

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

4 WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE recognizes, validates and
5 embraces the core cultural values of its stakeholders, namely
6 the strength of *familia*, the bonds of *comunidad* and the
7 mutuality of *respeto*; and

8 WHEREAS, bottom-up change is needed in this state with
9 students, parents and communities themselves defining the
10 programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic
11 change; and

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

15 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has shown its
16 commitment to education by demonstrating its support for
17 improving the New Mexico educational system by funding programs
18 such as ENLACE;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 25, 2008 be recognized as
21 "ENLACE New Mexico Day" at the legislature and that recognition
22 be extended to ENLACE New Mexico for increasing opportunities
23 for academic achievement, school completion and success in
24 higher education, not only for Latino students, but for all
25 students in New Mexico; and

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

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