A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 9, 2009 AS "NEW MEXICO MESA DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico MESA, incorporated, a nonprofit organization, in partnership with schools and universities, promotes educational enrichment for pre-college students from historically underrepresented ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, currently New Mexico MESA is in one hundred ten schools statewide and has grown dramatically since its introduction in 1982 in seven schools; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico MESA provides thousands of middle, junior and high school students with year-round support and career guidance; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico MESA activities include tutoring, advanced study, college and career counseling, field trips and academic competitions, leadership workshops, summer programs, scholarship incentives, community services and teacher professional development; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico MESA provides support not only to students but also to their teachers, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of New Mexico MESA, participating students receive the educational enrichment experiences and practical help they need to achieve academic

excellence and prepare for college majors in mathematics, engineering and the sciences;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it declare March 9, 2009 as "New Mexico MESA Day" at the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it hereby recognize and applaud the New Mexico MESA organization for its dedication to preparing minority students for careers in mathematics, engineering and the sciences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to New Mexico MESA, incorporated.