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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING FAMILIES AND DECLARING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009, AS "NEW MEXICO FAMILY AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY" AT THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, families and parents are the first teachers of young children, and they serve as support for their children's future success; and

WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by the Harvard family research project, parental involvement is associated with higher student achievement outcomes; and

WHEREAS, parents advocate for their children's learning and health by caring for them and nurturing them so as to build upon their innate strengths; and

WHEREAS, the success of New Mexico's children depends upon schools, health care providers, families and communities working together; and

WHEREAS, respect for the language, culture, individuality and personal circumstances of families is vital in engaging families as valued partners in efforts to promote school success for children; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging the strengths, capabilities, contributions and interests of all families and parents is critical to creating family-friendly environments in which children can grow and thrive;

