

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 11, 2010 AS "FAMILY AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, parents and families are the first teachers of young children and are essential to supporting their school readiness and future success; and

WHEREAS, parents and families promote learning and health of children by caring for, nurturing and building upon their strengths; and

WHEREAS, parents and families often serve as the main advocates for the health, education and other service needs of children, thereby supporting children's growth and development; and

WHEREAS, parents and families play long-lasting, purposeful roles in children's lives from birth to young adulthood; and

WHEREAS, in this rapidly changing world, the success of our children requires schools, families and communities to work together; and

WHEREAS, culture, family tradition and home language are critically important in the fabric of New Mexico, bringing unique, necessary strengths to the state; and

WHEREAS, pillars of successful child-rearing include valuing and respecting families of different circumstances,

treating parents and families as equal partners and joint decision-makers in the education of our children and listening carefully to their perspectives; and

WHEREAS, the creation of family-friendly environments for children involves acknowledging the strengths, capabilities, contributions and interests of all parents and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 11, 2010 be declared as "Family and Parent Involvement Day" in the house of representatives.