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SENATE MEMORIAL 79

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18 THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 2012  
"NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to New Mexico's growth  
and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created in New Mexico and  
the United States in the past decade have come from the  
creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States department of  
commerce, more than twenty-three thousand people become  
independent entrepreneurs daily, joining the more than twenty  
million self-employed that make up more than seventy-five  
percent of the nation's twenty million-plus business firms  
nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the partnership for 21st century skills

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1 identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as one of the  
2 twenty-first century's content areas critical to success in  
3 communities and workplaces; and

4 WHEREAS, the national governors association encourages  
5 connecting education to economic growth industries, recognizing  
6 that entrepreneurship and small business creation are the  
7 growth engines of any economy; and

8 WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations in New  
9 Mexico have joined under the umbrella of the New Mexico small  
10 business development center and the New Mexico youth  
11 entrepreneurship network to provide a variety of programs  
12 focusing on student entrepreneurial development and competitive  
13 events, such as the governor's youth entrepreneurship annual  
14 statewide business plan competition, supported by the economic  
15 development department, the workforce solutions department, the  
16 higher education department, the public education department,  
17 the small business administration, chambers of commerce and  
18 other notable organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, throughout the United States, entities like the  
20 New Mexico small business development center and the New Mexico  
21 youth entrepreneurship network are engaged in enhancing  
22 entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and  
23 cooperation with the national consortium for entrepreneurship  
24 education; and

25 WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about

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1 entrepreneurship, and working to expand the knowledge, skills  
2 and attitudes of New Mexico's youth and adults to be successful  
3 entrepreneurs, are crucial to the long-term growth of local  
4 communities, the state and the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives  
6 resolved to recognize an annual "National Entrepreneurship  
7 Week" that, this year, runs from February 18 through February  
8 25; and

9 WHEREAS, "National Entrepreneurship Week" provides an  
10 opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which  
11 entrepreneurship education can bring together the core  
12 academic, technical and problem-solving skills essential for  
13 future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future  
14 workplaces;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
16 OF NEW MEXICO that the week of February 18 through February 25,  
17 2012 be declared "National Entrepreneurship Week" in the  
18 senate; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the statewide director of the New Mexico small  
21 business development center for distribution to the supporters  
22 and partners of the New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network.