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SENATE MEMORIAL 24

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALL-  
STATE ACADEMIC TEAM MEMBERS AND DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2014  
"COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMPLETION DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico community colleges join with phi theta  
Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, in  
support of college completion efforts and to honor a group of  
the best and brightest students as members of the "New Mexico  
all-state academic team"; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico community colleges provide a broad  
array of post-secondary educational services in communities  
throughout the state, including two-year degree programs and  
certificates, leading to well-paid employment in many sectors  
of the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, completing an associate's degree or certificate

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1 from a New Mexico community college creates better citizens;  
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3 WHEREAS, New Mexico community colleges are committed to  
4 making positive changes in the interest of student success and  
5 college completion; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico community colleges are committed to  
7 the creation of partnerships with high school and university  
8 officials to foster policies that promote smooth transitions  
9 from one educational institution to another; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico community colleges are committed to  
11 student access and to student success, and try to provide all  
12 students with the essential resources and support systems that  
13 lead to establishing a culture of college completion; and

14 WHEREAS, community colleges, while increasing success  
15 rates for all students, are working with particular focus  
16 toward the elimination of roadblocks that separate student  
17 groups on the basis of race, ethnicity and family income; and

18 WHEREAS, the outstanding academic success of the forty  
19 members of the 2014 New Mexico all-state academic team, most of  
20 whom are members of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, is being  
21 recognized during ceremonies at the state capitol on January  
22 29, 2014 at which time the students will be honored for their  
23 academic achievements, as well as for scholarship offers from  
24 New Mexico's public universities to complete their  
25 baccalaureate degrees;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
OF NEW MEXICO that in recognition of the significant  
contribution of New Mexico community colleges in the  
preparation of a skilled work force for the state's economy,  
and of the academic success of the members of the New Mexico  
all-state academic team, January 29, 2014 be declared  
"Community College Completion Day" in the senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
transmitted to the members of the 2014 New Mexico all-state  
academic team and the twenty phi theta kappa chapters in the  
New Mexico region.