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10	A MEMORIAL
11	PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2016 AS "NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH" IN THE
12	NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
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14	WHEREAS, the residents of New Mexico recognize that
15	everyone's success depends on helping children to succeed in
16	school and reach their full potential in life and on realizing
17	that young people need a solid foundation of support to help
18	them become well-educated, confident and productive citizens;
19	and
20	WHEREAS, mentoring is a proven effective strategy that
21	helps children and young adults by matching them with caring,
22	responsible adults who can provide guidance and direction and
23	build confidence; and
24	WHEREAS, mentors build character, encourage success, boost
25	confidence, lift expectations and inspire young people to do
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their best; and

WHEREAS, mentors serve as friends, role models, teachers and sources of stability during a critical time in a child's life; and

WHEREAS, research shows that mentoring has beneficial long-term effects on youth by increasing academic engagement and decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other harmful behaviors; and

WHEREAS, mentoring strengthens the state's economic and social well-being by helping young people reach their potential while helping maintain healthy families and promoting more vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of New Mexico are making a profound difference in the lives of young people by serving as mentors, supported by many private- and public-sector organizations that offer mentoring opportunities; and

WHEREAS, many children in New Mexico are in need of a caring adult mentor, and closing this mentoring gap will take more investment, partnerships and volunteers that are ready to make a difference in a child's life; and

WHEREAS, President Obama's administration is working to expand mentoring and other volunteer opportunities across the United States through the United We Serve initiative, the corporation for national and community service and other agencies and programs; and

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<u>underscored material = new</u> [bracketed material] = delete WHEREAS, "National Mentoring Month" is an opportunity to raise public awareness on the importance of mentoring, to recognize the dedication of individuals that serve as mentors and to encourage more citizens to help build a brighter future for New Mexico's youth through mentoring;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the month of January 2016 be proclaimed "National Mentoring Month" in the New Mexico house of representatives and that the people of New Mexico be encouraged to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

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