A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 20, 2017 AS "NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY" AT THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, public educators are vital and integral parts of New Mexico's education system throughout the state in early education centers, eighty-nine diverse school districts and institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, learning is a continuum from birth through career, each level building upon prior learning; and

WHEREAS, early education professionals work with

New Mexico's youngest learners to lay a solid foundation for

future learning and cultivate young minds in an effort to

promote lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, instructional personnel, support personnel and ancillary personnel are responsible for the important task of educating future generations of New Mexicans and contribute daily to the growth and success of children, often in challenging settings; and

WHEREAS, educational assistants, instructional assistants and community support liaisons often serve high-needs student populations, including special education students and students with exceptional behavioral and social needs, and often assist teachers with the youngest students in schools; and

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WHEREAS, facilities personnel, transportation personnel, secretaries and cafeteria workers take pride in the rewarding role they play within New Mexico's education system at all levels and work hard to serve all students; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's public higher education institutions continue to build upon the educational foundation that students received in high school and provide students with essential skills and knowledge that enhance personal growth, economic opportunity and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, faculty at New Mexico's public colleges and universities conduct ground-breaking research that has led to important contributions to the economic growth and social welfare of the state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's public educators are, as a whole, responsible for challenging, encouraging and preparing generation after generation of New Mexico's children for future success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 20, 2017 be declared "New Mexico Public Educator Appreciation Day" at the senate in order to acknowledge the immeasurable contributions and hard work that public educators provide on behalf of students, parents, communities and New Mexico's public schools; and

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