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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2017 "REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, in 1984, the New Mexico state board of education established regional center cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, the state legislature created regional education cooperatives as state agencies administratively attached to the public education department; and

WHEREAS, there are nine regional education cooperatives geographically located throughout New Mexico to serve sixty-three of the state's eighty-nine school districts; and

WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number two, northwest, covers the districts of Chama, Cuba, Dulce, Mesa Vista, Penasco and Questa; and

WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number three, high
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1 plains, covers the districts of Cimarron, Clayton, Des Moines,
2 Maxwell, Mosquero, Raton, Roy and Springer; and

3 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number four,
4 northeast, covers the districts of Las Vegas city, Las Vegas
5 west, Mora, Pecos, Santa Rosa and Wagon Mound; and

6 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number five,
7 central, covers the districts of Estancia, Magdalena,
8 Mountainair, Quemado, Vaughn and Jemez valley and state-
9 supported schools in the department of justice, the corrections
10 department and the department of health; and

11 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number six covers
12 the districts of Dora, Elida, Floyd, Fort Sumner, Grady, House,
13 Logan, Melrose, San Jon and Texico; and

14 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number seven
15 covers the districts of Eunice, Hobbs, Jal and Tatum; and

16 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number eight,
17 Pecos valley, covers the districts of Dexter, Hagerman, Lake
18 Arthur and Loving; and

19 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number nine covers
20 the districts of Capitan, Carrizozo, Cloudcroft, Corona, Hondo,
21 Ruidoso and Tularosa; and

22 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number ten,
23 southwest, covers the districts of Animas, Deming, Hatch
24 valley, Lordsburg, Reserve, Truth or Consequences and Cobre;
25 and

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1 WHEREAS, the nine regional education cooperatives provide,
2 in a cooperative manner, special-education-related service
3 staff so that individual school districts can meet the needs of
4 their students under the federal Individuals with Disabilities
5 Education Act; and

6 WHEREAS, without the regional education cooperatives'
7 collaborative approach, many school districts would be unable
8 to find, hire and sustain the appropriate staff to meet the
9 needs of their students under the Individuals with Disabilities
10 Education Act; and

11 WHEREAS, the nine regional education cooperatives provide
12 their member districts with assistance in complying with
13 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act performance
14 indicators as set out in federal and state law; and

15 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015, the appropriated funding to
16 each regional education cooperative was just under one hundred
17 five thousand dollars (\$105,000) for the entire fiscal year,
18 and the regional education cooperatives did not receive any
19 direct state equalization formula funding; and

20 WHEREAS, the regional education cooperatives actively seek
21 grants and other entrepreneurial activities to maintain
22 services; and

23 WHEREAS, the regional education cooperatives are an
24 integral, valuable and important part of the overall public
25 education system in New Mexico; and

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