1	SENATE MEMORIAL 109
2	53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017
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10	A MEMORIAL
11	DECLARING MARCH 2, 2017 "INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT DAY" IN THE
12	SENATE.
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14	WHEREAS, the area in the city of Albuquerque centered
15	around Louisiana between Central and Zuni, comprising the
16	communities of La Mesa, Trumbull, South San Pedro, Elder
17	Homestead, Fair West and surrounding areas, is known as the
18	international district; and
19	WHEREAS, the residents living in that community come from
20	various countries of origin and have diverse ethnic, racial and
21	national backgrounds; and
22	WHEREAS, the resettlement and refugee program of the late
23	1970s through the 1990s for the Vietnamese, Taiwanese,
24	Cambodians and Laotians, run by Catholic charities, was based
25	in the southeast area of Albuquerque, Trumbull village and La
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Mesa, now known as the international district; and

WHEREAS, businesses in and around this area cater to a clientele from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the area is commonly recognized as the most internationally and culturally diverse in New Mexico, is a vibrant part of Albuquerque and has a rich history of technological advancement; and

WHEREAS, Henry Edwards Roberts and three Kirtland air 8 9 force base colleagues founded Micro instrumentation and telemetry systems located in what is now Albuquerque's international district; and

WHEREAS, the men built the first microcomputer prototype, the Altair 8800, in October 1974, making the international district home to the first personal computers; and

WHEREAS, Micro instrumentation and telemetry systems hired Paul Allen and Bill Gates to write a beginner's all-purpose symbolic instruction code, more commonly referred to as BASIC, for that first personal computer; and

WHEREAS, Paul Allen and Bill Gates then formed their own company, Microsoft, and their original office still stands in the international district; and

WHEREAS, the international district will continue its historic tradition of embracing technological advancement by hosting the public charter school, Technology Leadership high school, that opened in August 2015; and

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WHEREAS, efforts to create a positive awareness of the
international district's past, present and future and of its
diversity are supported by local county, city and state elected
officials;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
OF NEW MEXICO that March 2, 2017 be declared "International
District Day" in the senate; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to members of the media in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, to the principal of Technology Leadership high school and to city and county officials representing the area.

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