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SENATE MEMORIAL 1

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 10, 2018 "PUBLIC EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY"
IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, public educators are a vital and integral part of
New Mexico's educational system throughout the state, in early
education centers, eighty-eight 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 educators'
work to embrace students' cultural, linguistic and familial
knowledge to create a truly enriching educational experience;
and

WHEREAS, early education professionals work with New
Mexico's youngest learners to lay a solid foundation for future
learning and to cultivate young minds in an effort to promote

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1 lifelong learning; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, facilities personnel, transportation workers,
13 secretaries and cafeteria workers take pride in the rewarding
14 roles they play within the educational system and work hard to
15 serve all students; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public higher education institutions
17 continue to build upon the educational foundation that students
18 receive in high school, providing students with essential
19 skills and knowledge to enhance personal growth, economic
20 opportunity and civic engagement; and

21 WHEREAS, faculty at New Mexico's public colleges and
22 universities conduct groundbreaking research that has led to
23 important contributions to the economic growth and social well-
24 being of the state; and

25 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public educators are, as a whole,

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1 responsible for challenging, encouraging and preparing multiple
2 generations of New Mexico's children for future success by
3 promoting and creating a twenty-first century, world-class
4 educational system;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that February 10, 2018 be declared "Public
7 Educator Appreciation Day" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public educators be
9 acknowledged for their immeasurable contributions, hard work
10 and dedication to New Mexico public school students and their
11 parents; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of public
14 education.