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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 26, 2018 "NEW MEXICO NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED  
TEACHERS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network was established in 2001 to promote national board for professional teaching standards certification for New Mexico teachers and to promote accomplished teaching throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network advocates for leadership opportunities for national board certified teachers and educates teachers about the national board's body of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network also supports candidates through the national board certification process, celebrates achievement, offers

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1 opportunities to all constituent groups and supports and  
2 recognizes all national board certified teachers in all school  
3 districts in the state and in the legislature; and

4 WHEREAS, national board certified teachers are nationally  
5 recognized as being among the best teachers in the profession;  
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7 WHEREAS, national board certification is a rigorous  
8 process that can take up to three years to achieve; applicants  
9 must demonstrate competency across three performance-based  
10 domains and pass a written test of content and pedagogical  
11 knowledge; and

12 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study conducted by the national  
13 research council found that students of national board  
14 certified teachers make greater gains on achievement tests over  
15 time than students of non-certified teachers; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico has one thousand one hundred fifty-two  
17 national board certified teachers across forty-five public  
18 school districts, bureau of Indian education schools and  
19 charter schools, with sixty percent of all national board  
20 certified teachers serving in Title I schools; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks twenty-first in the nation for  
22 national board certification and twelfth in the nation for  
23 percentage of board certification, with five and three-tenths  
24 percent of all New Mexico teachers having achieved board  
25 certification; and

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