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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 8, 2019 "NEW MEXICO NATIONAL BOARD
CERTIFIED TEACHERS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network was established eighteen years ago to promote national board 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 opportunities to all constituent groups and supports and recognizes all national board certified teachers in all school districts in the state and in the legislature; and

WHEREAS, national board certified teachers are nationally recognized as being among the best teachers in the profession with more than sixty-nine percent remaining in the classroom after twenty years of teaching; and

WHEREAS, national board certification is a rigorous process that can take up to three years to achieve;

1 applicants must demonstrate competency across three
2 performance-based domains and pass a written test of content
3 and pedagogical knowledge; and

4 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study conducted by the national
5 research council found that students of national board
6 certified teachers make greater gains on achievement tests
7 over time than students of non-certified teachers; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico has one thousand two hundred
9 nineteen national board certified teachers across forty-six
10 public school districts, bureau of Indian education schools
11 and charter schools, with fifty-nine percent of all national
12 board certified teachers and sixty-one percent of all
13 national board candidates serving in Title I schools; and

14 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks twenty-first in the nation for
15 national board certification and twelfth in the nation for
16 percentage of board certification, with five and three-tenths
17 percent of all New Mexico teachers having achieved board
18 certification; and

19 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district,
20 Santa Fe public school district, Las Cruces public school
21 district, Rio Rancho public school district, Los Alamos
22 public school district and Gallup-McKinley county public
23 school district are the New Mexico school districts with the
24 highest numbers of national board certified teachers, with
25 the Albuquerque public school district being ranked sixteenth

1 in the nation for the number of national board certified
2 teachers;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 8, 2019 be declared
5 "New Mexico National Board Certified Teachers Day" in the
6 senate to acknowledge the achievements of all national board
7 certified teachers and their contributions to the learning
8 and growth of New Mexico students; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of public
11 education.

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