DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2023 "SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the state's public education system is designed to meet the educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to society and an ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, members of local school boards are dedicated to children, learning and community and devote many hours of service to elementary and secondary public education as they continually strive for improvement, excellence and progress in education, recognizing that all children can be successful learners, especially when education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public, and the public's expectations to the districts, by working closely with parents, educational professionals and other community members to create the education vision for today's students and those in the future; and

WHEREAS, the members of New Mexico's local school boards respond to the educational needs of the communities they serve and help ensure the solid foundation of New Mexico's

WHEREAS, in doing so, these leaders help strengthen the state's educational system and improve future prospects for New Mexico's children; and

WHEREAS, from February 2 through 4, 2023, special activities and programs will be held at the New Mexico school boards association board member institute in Santa Fe, celebrating and acknowledging the commitment and contributions of members of local school boards; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico school boards association is celebrating more than sixty-five years of service to New Mexico's school boards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 2, 2023 be declared "School Board Appreciation Day" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition be extended to all school board members in New Mexico for the valuable services they provide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congratulations be extended to the New Mexico school boards association for over six decades of service to New Mexico's school boards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the executive director of the New Mexico school boards association.