SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 63

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING APRIL 1998 AS ARTS, SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY MONTH IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, with most classrooms in our state housing computers and money being directed to the purchase of more technology for our schools, and the nation pushing to get its public school classrooms hooked up to the internet within the next three years, we are becoming more versed in technology every day; and

WHEREAS, with increasing technology and the prevalent presence of computers in the lives of our children, we must remember that technology alone will not fix everything and that computers are simply other tools for learning; and

WHEREAS, creating quality, exciting learning environments is the key we must use to unlock the gate to an enlivening

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education for our children, one that gives equal credence to the arts as well as the sciences; and

WHEREAS, in classrooms throughout the state, students are engaged in honing their artistic skills with visiting artistsin-residence and their own classroom teachers; and

WHEREAS, in another classroom you might find students building light bulb setups while other students graph the differences in light reflected from various colors, thus studying light waves with the assistance of their computers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the hard, creative work of our students be recognized and showcased in April 1998 at all public schools in New Mexico so that parents and community members can participate and see what students are learning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that April 1998 be declared arts, sciences and technology month in the public schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction and the superintendents of all New Mexico school districts.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION, 1997 March 15, 1997 Mr. President: Your **EDUCATION COMMTTEE**, to whom has been referred **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 63** has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**. Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Nava, Chairman Adopted_____Not Adopted_____ (Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

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