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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 17

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 17 through 21, 2001 AS NEW MEXICO'S  
LEGISLATORS BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK.

WHEREAS, New Mexico was created as a representative  
democracy in which all governmental power is inherent in the  
people who exercise that power through legislative, executive  
and judicial branches; and

WHEREAS, future generations of New Mexico's leaders are  
currently schoolchildren whose interest in representational  
government seems to be waning; and

WHEREAS, the national conference of state legislatures  
recognized this lessening interest among students and launched  
the trust for representative democracy to engage young people  
and build their understanding and support of America's  
democratic institutions; and

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1           WHEREAS, the trust for representative democracy  
2 established America's legislators back to school week, during  
3 which state legislators across the country will visit local  
4 schools to teach students about the importance of  
5 participating in civic matters; and

6           WHEREAS, a number of New Mexico's state legislators will  
7 participate in the program during the week of September 17  
8 through 21, 2001 to emphasize to students across the state the  
9 importance of learning how representational government works  
10 and the need for young people to participate in it; and

11           WHEREAS, students, teachers, administrators and  
12 legislators will have the chance to learn something about  
13 education and government as a result of participating in the  
14 program;

15           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that September 17 through 21, 2001 be  
17 recognized as New Mexico's legislators back to school week;  
18 and

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the center for civic education, the national  
21 education association, the American association of elementary  
22 school administrators, the national association of elementary  
23 school principals and the national association of secondary  
24 school principals.

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