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DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 3, 2003 AS "NEW MEXICO MESA DAY".

WHEREAS, New Mexico MESA, incorporated, a nonprofit organization, is part of a national initiative to promote educational enrichment for pre-college students from historically underrepresented ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, currently in ninety-three schools statewide, the New Mexico MESA, incorporated, program has grown dramatically since its introduction in 1982 in seven schools and now provides thousands of middle, junior and high school students with year-round support and career guidance; and

WHEREAS, the program's activities include tutoring; independent study; academic, university and career counseling; field trips and competitions; leadership workshops; summer enrichment, employment and mentorship programs; and scholarship incentives; and

WHEREAS, the program provides support not only to students but to their teachers, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, through the program's efforts, participating students receive the educational enrichment experiences and practical help they need to achieve academic excellence and to prepare for college majors in mathematics, engineering and the sciences;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 3, 2003 be designated as "New Mexico MESA Day"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it hereby recognize and applaud the New Mexico MESA, incorporated, for its dedication to preparing minority students for careers in mathematics, engineering and the sciences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to New Mexico MESA, incorporated.