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1 economic and social costs to the state of New Mexico as a
2 result of high Latino student dropout rates with almost half of
3 Latino students in New Mexico not graduating from high school;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico, "Engaging Latino Communities
6 for Education", was established with the assistance of a grant
7 awarded by the W. K. Kellogg foundation as part of a national
8 initiative to improve the educational participation and
9 graduation rates of Latino students through enhanced community
10 involvement; and

11 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico has created a *Framework for*
12 *Success*, which outlines effective educational methods in
13 classes, schools and communities where Latino students are
14 gaining educational success; and

15 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico is dedicated to the goal of
16 improving Latino student achievement and reducing achievement
17 gaps;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 7, 2003 be declared "ENLACE
20 New Mexico Day" at the legislature and that recognition be
21 extended to ENLACE New Mexico for its service in recognizing
22 that by increasing opportunities for academic achievement,
23 school completion and engagement in higher education, ENLACE
24 New Mexico continues to improve educational opportunities and
25 results for Latino students.

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