

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 3, 2005 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage
6 that is rooted in its unique history; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico's Latino students and communities
8 contribute to the multicultural heritage of the state and
9 with improved educational attainment, represent a significant
10 promise for a bright economic future for the state; and

11 WHEREAS, data from the public education department, the
12 commission on higher education and the national center for
13 education statistics illustrate a significant achievement gap
14 between Latino students and other student groups in New
15 Mexico public schools; and

16 WHEREAS, this achievement gap results in considerable
17 economic and social costs to the state of New Mexico as a
18 result of high Latino student dropout rates with almost half
19 of Latino students in New Mexico not graduating from high
20 school; and

21 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico, "Engaging Latino Communities
22 for Education", was established with the assistance of a grant
23 awarded by the W. K. Kellogg foundation as part of a national
24 initiative to improve the educational participation and
25 graduation rates of Latino students through enhanced community

1 involvement; and

2 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico has created a *Framework for*
3 *Success*, which outlines effective educational methods in
4 classes, schools and communities where Latino students are
5 gaining educational success; and

6 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico is dedicated to the goal of
7 improving Latino student achievement and reducing achievement
8 gaps;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 3, 2005 be declared "ENLACE New
11 Mexico Day" in the senate and that recognition be extended to
12 ENLACE New Mexico for its service in recognizing that by
13 increasing opportunities for academic achievement, school
14 completion and engagement in higher education, ENLACE New
15 Mexico continues to improve educational opportunities and
16 results for Latino students.

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