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**SENATE MEMORIAL 9**

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

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**A MEMORIAL**

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS, this achievement gap results in considerable**

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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 SENATE OF THE STATE  
19 OF NEW MEXICO that March 3, 2005 be declared "ENLACE New Mexico  
20 Day" in the senate and that recognition be extended to ENLACE  
21 New Mexico for its service in recognizing that by increasing  
22 opportunities for academic achievement, school completion and  
23 engagement in higher education, ENLACE New Mexico continues to  
24 improve educational opportunities and results for Latino  
25 students.

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