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SENATE MEMORIAL 33

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A MEMORIAL

COMMENDING SANGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NANCY HAVINK ON
BEING NAMED NEW MEXICO'S 2006 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, Nancy Havink is the much-loved and respected
principal of Sanger elementary school in Hobbs; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Havink has served her district as a testing
coordinator, a mentor for new principals and a developer of
workshops on writing instruction and classroom computer use;
and

WHEREAS, Nancy Havink is known for the many unique and
special ways she finds to bond with her students; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Havink is an active principal whose
commitment is clearly evident through programs she has designed
to meet the academic and social needs of all students, and
through her firmly established community ties with parents and

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1 local business organizations; and

2 WHEREAS, Nancy Havink's accomplishments include morning
3 math and English "challenges" to stimulate students' thinking
4 each day, a hands-on science lab, a thirty-minute writing
5 program and a parent-staffed resource room for learning
6 enrichment; and

7 WHEREAS, Nancy Havink's strong belief in hands-on learning
8 is visible on the walls of Sanger elementary, which are
9 decorated with colorful student-painted national and state
10 symbols; and

11 WHEREAS, Nancy Havink is recognized as a school principal
12 who consistently goes above and beyond what is expected in the
13 usual school program; and

14 WHEREAS, the national distinguished principals program was
15 established in 1984 as an annual event to honor exemplary
16 elementary and middle school principals who set the pace,
17 character and quality of the education children receive during
18 their early school years; and

19 WHEREAS, the national distinguished principals program is
20 jointly sponsored by the United States department of education
21 and the national association of elementary school principals;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the national distinguished principals program
24 honors one principal from each state who shows a strong
25 commitment to the principalship through active membership in

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1 professional associations; is respected by students,
2 colleagues, parents and the community at large; assumes an
3 active role in the community; is a leader in civic, religious
4 or humanitarian activities; shows strong educational leadership
5 by setting high expectations for school staff and students; and
6 maintains an orderly purposeful learning environment; and

7 WHEREAS, Nancy Havink was selected under the national
8 distinguished principals program as New Mexico's principal of
9 the year for 2006;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
11 OF NEW MEXICO that Nancy Havink be commended for her
12 outstanding work as principal of Sanger elementary school; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Nancy Havink be commended for
14 earning the distinguished honor of being named New Mexico's
15 principal of the year; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to Nancy Havink and Sanger elementary school.

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