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10 A MEMORIAL

11 COMMENDING THE JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES-NEW MEXICO PROGRAM  
12 ON ITS SUCCESS, AND REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC EDUCATION  
13 DEPARTMENT EXPAND THE PROGRAM.

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15 WHEREAS, the jobs for America's graduates-New Mexico  
16 program was established in 2004 in the public education  
17 department as a dropout prevention and dropout re-engagement  
18 program; and

19 WHEREAS, the program has helped five hundred ten youths in  
20 eleven New Mexico high schools who were at risk of dropping out  
21 of school by ensuring that they successfully completed high  
22 school, entered post-secondary education and gained quality  
23 jobs and careers; and

24 WHEREAS, the jobs for America's graduates-New Mexico  
25 program focuses on:

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1           A. tutoring, study skills, training and instruction  
2 leading to successful high school graduation;

3           B. pre-employment training, work experience,  
4 work-based learning and mentoring;

5           C. community service and peer-centered activities  
6 that encourage responsibility and other positive social  
7 behaviors during non-school hours;

8           D. support services and transitional links that  
9 assist students in the elimination of barriers to employment  
10 and post-secondary education;

11           E. employability competencies in the areas of basic  
12 academic skills, career development, job attainment, leadership  
13 skills, personal skills and job retention skills; and

14           F. twelve months of follow-up services designed to  
15 strengthen youths' prospects of successful graduation and  
16 access to jobs and post-secondary education upon graduation;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, all twenty-eight jobs for America's graduates  
19 state affiliates, including jobs for America's graduates-New  
20 Mexico program, use an electronic reporting system and database  
21 to document schoolwide performance and hold job specialists  
22 accountable for success in meeting performance outcomes for the  
23 young people they serve; and

24           WHEREAS, the success rates for the jobs for America's  
25 graduates and jobs for America's graduates-New Mexico programs

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1 include a ninety percent graduation rate and an eighty percent  
2 full-time job placement rate; and

3 WHEREAS, the jobs for America's graduates-New Mexico  
4 program supports New Mexico's high school redesign in its  
5 emphasis on curriculum relevant to students' lives, its focus  
6 on career awareness and demonstration of knowledge of career  
7 pathways and its insistence on accountability as measured  
8 through student success;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
10 OF NEW MEXICO that the jobs for America's graduates-New Mexico  
11 program be commended for its success; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this public-private  
13 partnership involving the New Mexico business roundtable and  
14 the public education department be expanded; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the secretary of public education and the New  
17 Mexico business roundtable.

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