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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AT
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND AT HIGHER EDUCATION
INSTITUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the world has become increasingly interconnected
through advances in technology and transportation, and a global
perspective is critical in facing the challenges of the twenty-
first century; and

WHEREAS, the economic development of New Mexico is
increasingly linked to the global economy, and the goals of
public education and economic development should be mutually
reinforcing; and

WHEREAS, providing New Mexico's future leaders in business,
education, government and the nonprofit sector with the
broadest possible education will have a significant impact on

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1 the nation's security, foreign policy, economic competitiveness
2 and economic revenue and the future leaders' capacity for
3 tolerance; and

4 WHEREAS, international education includes expanding foreign
5 language curricula and academic programs that address global
6 issues and examine other cultures; and

7 WHEREAS, expanding the knowledge base and using the best
8 research and technological breakthroughs in every field of
9 study require international collaboration; and

10 WHEREAS, kindergarten through twelfth grade schools and
11 universities and colleges should be encouraged to introduce New
12 Mexico students to other cultures, foreign languages and global
13 issues and to provide opportunities to study abroad, which will
14 enrich students' perspectives and personal development; and

15 WHEREAS, qualified students and faculty from other
16 countries should be encouraged to study in New Mexico to
17 further the free exchange of ideas, to facilitate an
18 appreciation of different cultures and to emphasize how
19 international education builds a foundation for the future of
20 our state and strengthens global understanding;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize
23 the importance of international education and encourage New
24 Mexico's elementary and secondary schools and higher education
25 institutions to meet the challenges of a global society; and

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