

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 CONGRATULATING SENATOR MARY JANE M. GARCIA AS THE HONORARY  
3 CHAIRWOMAN OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION-NEW MEXICO  
4 READ ACROSS AMERICA CAMPAIGN FOR 2008-2009; DECLARING  
5 MARCH 2, 2009 AS "READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY" IN THE  
6 LEGISLATURE.

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8 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature stands firmly  
9 committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for students'  
10 future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs  
11 of the future and their ability to compete in the global  
12 economy; and

13 WHEREAS, the legislature has provided significant  
14 leadership in the area of community involvement in the  
15 education of youth, grounded in the principle that  
16 educational investment is the key to the state's well-being  
17 and long-term quality of life; and

18 WHEREAS, "read across America" is a national celebration  
19 of Dr. Seuss's one-hundred-fifth birthday on March 2, 2009,  
20 sponsored by the national education association, promoting  
21 reading and adult involvement in the education of the  
22 nation's students; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Mary Jane M. Garcia has always  
24 supported efforts to enhance reading and public education in  
25 New Mexico; and

1           WHEREAS, Senator Garcia has been selected as the  
2 national education association-New Mexico's read across  
3 America honorary chairwoman for 2008-2009;

4           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislature call on the  
6 residents of New Mexico to ensure that every child is in a  
7 safe place reading together with a caring adult on  
8 March 2, 2009; and

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that March 2, 2009 be declared as  
10 "Read Across America Day in the New Mexico Legislature"; and

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature  
12 enthusiastically endorse "read across America" and recommit  
13 the state to engage in programs and activities to make  
14 America's children the best readers in the world; and

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congratulations be extended  
16 by the legislature to Senator Mary Jane M. Garcia as the  
17 honorary chairwoman for the national education  
18 association-New Mexico read across America campaign for  
19 2008-2009.

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