

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 27

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 6, 2009 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" AT THE
NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to providing
access to quality education for all students, from
pre-kindergarten through graduate and doctoral studies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage that
is rooted in its unique history, geography and relations among
its people with different identities, varying languages and
diverse narratives; and

WHEREAS, over the past seven years, the organization
engaging Latino communities for education, better known as
ENLACE New Mexico, has established a great many community
partnerships, including partnerships with institutions that
prepare students for careers in law, medicine and other

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1 professions; and

2 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity and
3 believes that a multicultural- and multilingual-focused
4 educational initiative will create a world-class educational
5 system for all students; and

6 WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE New Mexico recognizes,
7 validates and embraces the core cultural values of its
8 stakeholders, namely the strength of *familia*, the bonds of
9 *comunidad* and the mutuality of *respeto*; and

10 WHEREAS, grassroots change is needed in this state with
11 students, parents and communities themselves defining the
12 programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic
13 change; and

14 WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have
15 united in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation and
16 expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission; and

17 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has shown its
18 commitment to education by demonstrating its support for
19 improving the New Mexico educational system by funding programs
20 such as ENLACE New Mexico;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 6, 2009 be recognized as
23 "ENLACE New Mexico Day" at the New Mexico legislature and that
24 recognition be extended to ENLACE New Mexico for increasing
25 opportunities for academic achievement, school completion and

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1 success in higher education, not only for Latino students, but
2 for all students in New Mexico; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the various regions of ENLACE New Mexico
5 statewide.

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