

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 35

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE ALBUQUERQUE-BERNALILLO COUNTY  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP BY DECLARING FEBRUARY 12, 2009  
"COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE AND REINFORCING THE  
STATE'S COMMITMENT TO STUDY THE NEED FOR AND POSSIBLE  
APPROACHES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WITHIN THE STATE'S  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public schools, the city of  
Albuquerque, Bernalillo county and the Albuquerque business  
education compact have entered into a joint agreement and made  
a financial contribution to form the Albuquerque-Bernalillo  
county community school partnership, known as the "ABC  
partnership"; and

WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college also has  
made a commitment to become a partner; and

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1           WHEREAS, the ABC partnership is actively pursuing a  
2 similar commitment from the university of New Mexico; and

3           WHEREAS, the elected and appointed officials of the ABC  
4 partnership understand the importance of working  
5 collaboratively and cooperatively to assure the success of the  
6 community school partnership for the good of New Mexico's  
7 children; and

8           WHEREAS, collaboration and cooperation among those  
9 participating entities will create a community school  
10 partnership that is unique within the United States; and

11           WHEREAS, the ABC partnership has been recognized for its  
12 accomplishments by the coalition for community schools in  
13 Washington, D.C., through a grant opportunity for the  
14 partnership; and

15           WHEREAS, five schools within Albuquerque and Bernalillo  
16 county have initiated structures to implement community schools  
17 within their school communities with grants provided by the ABC  
18 partnership; and

19           WHEREAS, during the 2007 legislative session, House Joint  
20 Memorial 30, which requested that the public education  
21 department, in conjunction with the children's cabinet, study  
22 the creation and operation of community schools in public  
23 schools, was passed into law;

24           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the efforts and accomplishments of the

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1 ABC partnership be recognized by declaring February 12, 2009  
2 "Community Schools Day" at the legislature; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education  
4 department, in conjunction with the children's cabinet, be  
5 requested to continue to study the creation and operation of  
6 community schools in public school systems throughout the  
7 state; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the secretary of education, the Albuquerque  
10 public schools superintendent and the chair of the Bernalillo  
11 county commission.