SENATE MEMORIAL 26

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS BE URGED TO CREATE A PUBLIC SERVICE ACADEMY.

WHEREAS, the United States faces serious domestic and international problems in the twenty-first century and needs more young people to go into public service as teachers, police officers, nonprofit leaders and other important public workers; and

WHEREAS, a public service academy will provide a consistent flow of highly qualified, service-oriented young leaders; and

WHEREAS, many young people want to serve their country, but prefer to serve in a civilian capacity; and

WHEREAS, this country needs a public service academy that will be the nation's first national college devoted to public

1   service outside of the military; and

2   WHEREAS, many young people enter college wanting to serve

3   their country, but cannot afford to pursue public service after

4   graduation because they have accumulated too much debt; and

5   WHEREAS, a public service academy will give service-minded

6   young people the opportunity to serve their country without

7   enduring financial hardship; and

8   WHEREAS, a public service academy will offer a unique

9   campus that is devoted to public service and that will bring

10   young people from every part of the country to live, study and

11   serve together; and

12   WHEREAS, a public service academy will build a corps of

13   civilian leaders who have the moral character, academic

14   training and leadership experience necessary to serve the

15   American people honorably and effectively and who are committed

16   to devoting their lives to public service;

17   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

18   OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be urged to pass

19   the necessary legislation to create the United States public

20   service academy; and

21   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

22   transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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