## A MEMORIAL CELEBRATING FAMILIES AND DECLARING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010, AS "NEW MEXICO FAMILY AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY" IN THE SENATE. WHEREAS, families and parents are the first teachers of young children, and they serve as support for their children's future success; and WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by the Harvard family research project, parental involvement is associated with higher student achievement outcomes; and WHEREAS, parents advocate for their children's learning and health by caring for them and nurturing them so as to build upon their innate strengths; and WHEREAS, the success of New Mexico's children depends upon schools, health care providers, families and communities working together; and WHEREAS, respect for the language, culture,

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19 individuality and personal circumstances of families is vital 20 in engaging families as valued partners in efforts to promote 21 school success for children; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging the strengths, capabilities, contributions and interests of all families and parents is critical to creating family-friendly environments in which children can grow and thrive;

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1	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE	
2	STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it celebrate New Mexico families and	
3	declare Thursday, February 11, 2010, as "New Mexico Family and	
4	Parent Involvement Day" in the senate	SM 35 Page 2
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