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A MEMORIAL

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010 AS "CENSUS IN SCHOOLS WEEK" AT THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, our nation's and state's populations are growing and changing; and

WHEREAS, an accurate and complete 2010 census count is vital to communities' and residents' well-being as it helps planners determine where to locate schools, daycare centers, roads, public transportation, hospitals and other facilities; and

WHEREAS, more than four hundred billion dollars (\$400,000,000,000) per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based, in part, on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the United States house of representatives; and

WHEREAS, census data is used for the redistricting of state legislative, county commission, city council and other voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the United States census bureau is confidential and protected by law; and

1           WHEREAS, the census in schools program will provide  
2 educators with resources to teach the nation's students about  
3 the importance of the census, so children can deliver this  
4 message to their families; and the program will engage  
5 America's youth to ensure that every child and every  
6 household member is counted in 2010; and

7           WHEREAS, the census in schools program will commemorate  
8 the census with "Census in Schools Week" throughout the week  
9 of February 8, 2010; and

10          WHEREAS, 2010 census job recruiting is under way and  
11 field operations will commence soon; and

12          WHEREAS, census day is April 1, 2010;

13          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the week of February 8, 2010 be  
15 designated as "Census in Schools Week" at the senate; and

16          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the goals and ideals of the  
17 2010 census be supported through the dissemination of 2010  
18 census information that encourages New Mexico residents to  
19 participate in events and initiatives that raise overall  
20 awareness and ensure a full and accurate census count and  
21 support census takers as they help communities complete an  
22 accurate count; and

23          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the secretary of public education, the  
25 secretary of Indian affairs and the secretary of state. \_\_\_\_\_