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SENATE MEMORIAL 49

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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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

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1 state will have in the United States house of representatives;  
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3 WHEREAS, census data is used for the redistricting of  
4 state legislative, county commission, city council and other  
5 voting districts; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, the census in schools program will provide  
11 educators with resources to teach the nation's students about  
12 the importance of the census, so children can deliver this  
13 message to their families; and the program will engage  
14 America's youth to ensure that every child and every household  
15 member is counted in 2010; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, census day is April 1, 2010;

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the goals and ideals of the

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1 2010 census be supported through the dissemination of 2010  
2 census information that encourages New Mexico residents to  
3 participate in events and initiatives that raise overall  
4 awareness and ensure a full and accurate census count and  
5 support census takers as they help communities complete an  
6 accurate count; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to the secretary of public education, the secretary  
9 of Indian affairs and the secretary of state.

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