

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19 THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 2011 AS
"ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to New Mexico's
continued growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created in New Mexico and
the United States in the past decade have come from the
creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States department of
commerce, more than two thousand three hundred people become
independent entrepreneurs daily, joining more than twenty
million self-employed individuals, and making up more than
seventy-five percent of the nation's twenty-six million
business firms nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the partnership for twenty-first century skills
identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as among the
content areas most critical to success in communities and
workplaces; and

WHEREAS, the national governors association encourages
connecting education to economic growth industries,
recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation
are the growth engines of any economy; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations, the
New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network, has joined together

in New Mexico with the shared vision of training and supporting young entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, this coalition provides a variety of programs focusing on student entrepreneurial development and supports competitive events such as the governor's statewide youth entrepreneurship business plan annual competition; and

WHEREAS, the coalition is comprised of a wide variety of partners, including the economic development department, the workforce solutions department, the higher education department, the public education department, the New Mexico small business development center, the United States small business administration, many chambers of commerce and other notable organizations; and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States, coalitions like the New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and cooperation with the national consortium for entrepreneurship education; and

WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills and attitudes of New Mexico's youths and adults to be successful entrepreneurs is crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives resolved to recognize an annual national entrepreneurship week

that occurs this year during the week of February 19 through February 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, national entrepreneurship week provides an opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical and problem-solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the week of February 19 through February 26, 2011 be declared "Entrepreneurship Week" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the president of the board of directors of the New Mexico rural development response council for distribution to the supporters and partners of the New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network.