A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING FAMILIES AND DECLARING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011, AS "NEW MEXICO FAMILY AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, parents and families are a young child's first teachers and are essential to supporting a child's school readiness and future success; and

WHEREAS, parents and families promote a child's learning and health by caring for, nurturing and building upon the strengths of their children; and

WHEREAS, parents and families often serve as the main advocates that children have in dealing with health, education and other services that support children's growth and development; and

WHEREAS, parents and families play long-lasting, purposeful roles in children's lives from birth to young adulthood; and

WHEREAS, in this rapidly changing world, schools, families and communities must work together to ensure the success of children; and

WHEREAS, culture, family tradition and home language are critically important elements in the fabric of New Mexicans, bringing unique, necessary strengths to the state; and

WHEREAS, successful children are the product of

1	instilled values, respect for families of different	
2	circumstances, treatment of children as equal partners and	
3	joint decision-makers in their education and careful	
4	attention to their perspectives; and	
5	WHEREAS, the strengths, capabilities, contributions and	
6	interests of all families help to create family-friendly	
7	environments in which children can grow and thrive;	
8	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE	
9	STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it celebrate New Mexico families and	
10	declare Wednesday, January 19, 2011, as "New Mexico Family and	
11	Parent Involvement Day" in the senate	SM 3
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