

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2011 AS "ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND
3 LITERACY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, in a future that is anticipated to be
6 increasingly dependent on technology, New Mexico will need a
7 highly literate population; and

8 WHEREAS, more than forty percent of the adults in
9 New Mexico have a literacy problem that severely impacts
10 their lives and families, their ability to work productively
11 and their full participation as residents of the state; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico's community colleges and
13 universities and its volunteer and community-based
14 organizations provided basic skills and literacy services to
15 more than thirty-two thousand adults between 2009 and 2010,
16 including providing one million seven hundred thousand hours
17 of instruction; and

18 WHEREAS, two thousand six hundred ninety-one individuals
19 received their GED high school equivalency diplomas, more
20 than one thousand individuals enrolled in post-secondary
21 education or training and two thousand three hundred six
22 individuals entered or retained employment between 2009 and
23 2010; and

24 WHEREAS, the New Mexico higher education department, the
25 New Mexico coalition for literacy and numerous adult basic

1 education programs and community-based and nonprofit literacy
2 organizations are jointly committed to eradicating illiteracy
3 in the state; and

4 WHEREAS, without this array of adult basic education and
5 literacy programs, adult New Mexicans would find it difficult
6 to access the services and benefits to which they are
7 entitled in New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, on January 25, 2011, Susana Martinez, governor
9 of New Mexico, declared February 15, 2011 as "Adult Basic
10 Education and Literacy Day" in New Mexico;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2011 be declared "Adult
13 Basic Education and Literacy Day" in the senate; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the secretary of higher education and the
16 executive director of the New Mexico coalition for literacy.==