

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 25, 2011 AS "ALBUQUERQUE HIGH SCHOOL  
3 DAY" IN THE NEW MEXICO SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the establishment of Albuquerque high school  
6 can be traced back to 1879, when the Colorado college of  
7 Colorado Springs established what was then called the  
8 Albuquerque academy on the east side of the old plaza; and

9 WHEREAS, by 1881, twenty-seven students were enrolled,  
10 and by 1882, it was necessary to move the high school to a  
11 new, larger location; and

12 WHEREAS, during both World War I and World War II, not  
13 only did students at Albuquerque high school raise  
14 significant funds in support of the troops and war efforts,  
15 but students in the aeronautics class built an airplane,  
16 which they donated to the military in 1942; and

17 WHEREAS, Albuquerque high school was the largest school  
18 in the state until 1955; and

19 WHEREAS, during its history, Albuquerque high school has  
20 graduated many notable individuals, including Rodolfo Anaya,  
21 Ed Black, Al "Hurricane" Sanchez, Bobby Santiago,  
22 professional football player Billy Jenkins, United States  
23 congressman E.S. Johnny Walker, entertainer Vivian Vance,  
24 professional basketball player Kenny Thomas, many New Mexico  
25 state legislators and former Lieutenant Governor Roberto

1 Mondragon; and

2 WHEREAS, *The Record*, the official Albuquerque high  
3 school student newspaper, is the oldest student publication  
4 in the state, covering important school, regional and  
5 national events on a monthly basis; and

6 WHEREAS, currently, Albuquerque high school is a modern,  
7 full-service school with a wide variety of academic and  
8 extracurricular programs that foster parent involvement and a  
9 safe, drug-free environment and that include dual-credit  
10 courses with the university of New Mexico, the Dial-a-Teacher  
11 program, tutoring, evening high school, a poetry club and  
12 much more; and

13 WHEREAS, Albuquerque high school is a public high school  
14 with nearly two thousand students and more than one hundred  
15 teachers; and

16 WHEREAS, the mission of Albuquerque high school is to  
17 promote literacy and accelerate learning, and its vision is  
18 to achieve success for career, college and community for  
19 students fortunate enough to attend the school; and

20 WHEREAS, fellow Bulldogs will be celebrating the proud  
21 history and bright future of Albuquerque high school and  
22 marking its academic and athletic traditions in the capitol  
23 rotunda on February 25, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Friday, February 25, 2011, be

1 recognized as "Albuquerque High School Day" in the New Mexico  
2 senate; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to the principal of Albuquerque high school.           

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