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HOUSE MEMORIAL 5

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2011 THROUGH JANUARY 30, 2011
AS "NEW MEXICO MENTORSHIP WEEK" IN THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, sustained relationships with caring adults are
among the most important success factors in a child's life; and

WHEREAS, according to Public/Private Ventures, an
independent, national research organization, children matched
with big brothers big sisters are forty-six percent less likely
to start using illegal drugs, twenty-seven percent less likely
to start using alcohol, fifty-two percent less likely to skip a
day of school and thirty-three percent less likely to hit
someone or get in a fight and are more trusting of parents or
guardians and less likely to lie to them; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over three thousand two

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1 hundred children were matched with caring adult mentors in 2009
2 throughout New Mexico, and thousands more are in need of
3 services each year; and

4 WHEREAS, according to the Annie E. Casey foundation,
5 society realizes ten dollars (\$10.00) in benefits for every one
6 dollar (\$1.00) invested in the mentoring of one youth; and

7 WHEREAS, many mentoring programs exist in New Mexico,
8 including several regional chapters of big brothers big
9 sisters; numerous programs sponsored by the university of New
10 Mexico mentoring institute; the New Mexico youth challenge
11 academy, sponsored by the New Mexico army national guard; the
12 national Indian youth leadership program; and more; and

13 WHEREAS, youth and adult volunteers need greater access to
14 information about these programs so that they can be better
15 utilized by youth and so that more adults will volunteer as
16 mentors; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico first hosted town hall sessions during
18 May and June of 2010 titled *Raising the Aspirations of New*
19 *Mexico Youth*, at which three hundred participants from all four
20 regions of the state recognized the importance of adult role
21 models and mentors for youth; and

22 WHEREAS, the findings of these town hall sessions support
23 the need to create comprehensive mentoring programs within
24 regions, communities and schools so that each student's unique
25 needs can be addressed; and

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