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SENATE MEMORIAL 38

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

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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1 identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as among the content  
2 areas most critical to success in communities and workplaces;  
3 and

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

8 WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations, the  
9 New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network, has joined together  
10 in New Mexico with the shared vision of training and supporting  
11 young entrepreneurs; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, throughout the United States, coalitions like the  
24 New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network are actively engaged  
25 in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through

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1 collaboration and cooperation with the national consortium for  
2 entrepreneurship education; and

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

8 WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives  
9 resolved to recognize an annual national entrepreneurship week  
10 that occurs this year during the week of February 19 through  
11 February 26, 2011; and

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
19 OF NEW MEXICO that the week of February 19 through February 26,  
20 2011 be declared "Entrepreneurship Week" in the senate; and

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

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