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SENATE MEMORIAL 53

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

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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1 WHEREAS, Albuquerque high school was the largest school in
2 the state until 1955; and

3 WHEREAS, during its history, Albuquerque high school has
4 graduated many notable individuals, including Rodolfo Anaya, Ed
5 Black, Al "Hurricane" Sanchez, Bobby Santiago, professional
6 football player Billy Jenkins, United States congressman E.S.
7 Johnny Walker, entertainer Vivian Vance, professional
8 basketball player Kenny Thomas, many New Mexico state
9 legislators and former Lieutenant Governor Roberto Mondragon;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, *The Record*, the official Albuquerque high school
12 student newspaper, is the oldest student publication in the
13 state, covering important school, regional and national events
14 on a monthly basis; and

15 WHEREAS, currently, Albuquerque high school is a modern,
16 full-service school with a wide variety of academic and
17 extracurricular programs that foster parent involvement and a
18 safe, drug-free environment and that include dual-credit
19 courses with the university of New Mexico, the Dial-a-Teacher
20 program, tutoring, evening high school, a poetry club and much
21 more; and

22 WHEREAS, Albuquerque high school is a public high school
23 with nearly two thousand students and more than one hundred
24 teachers; and

25 WHEREAS, the mission of Albuquerque high school is to

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1 promote literacy and accelerate learning, and its vision is to
2 achieve success for career, college and community for students
3 fortunate enough to attend the school; and

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

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
9 OF NEW MEXICO that Friday, February 25, 2011, be recognized as
10 "Albuquerque High School Day" in the New Mexico senate; and

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