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SENATE MEMORIAL 6

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 18, 2012 AS "ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, in a future in which the work force is expected to be increasingly dependent on technology, New Mexico needs a highly literate population; and

WHEREAS, more than forty percent of the adult population in New Mexico is reported to have literacy problems that severely affect their lives and families, their ability to work productively and their full participation as residents of the state; and

WHEREAS, between 2010 and 2011, New Mexico's community colleges and universities and its volunteer community-based organizations provided basic skills and literacy services to more than twenty-six thousand individuals enrolled in post-

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1 secondary education or training, amounting to one million six  
2 hundred ninety thousand hours of instruction; and

3 WHEREAS, during the same period, two thousand three  
4 hundred forty-eight individuals received their general  
5 educational development diplomas, more than one thousand  
6 individuals enrolled in post-secondary educational or training  
7 institutions and two thousand thirty-five individuals entered  
8 or retained employment; and

9 WHEREAS, the higher education department, the New Mexico  
10 coalition for literacy and numerous adult basic education  
11 programs and community-based and nonprofit literacy  
12 organizations are jointly committed to eradicating illiteracy  
13 in the state; and

14 WHEREAS, without this array of adult basic education and  
15 literacy programs, adult New Mexicans would find it difficult  
16 to access the services and benefits to which they are entitled;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
18 OF NEW MEXICO that January 18, 2012 be proclaimed as "Adult  
19 Basic Education and Literacy Day" in the senate; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the secretary of higher education and the  
22 executive director of the New Mexico coalition for literacy.