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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO
ESTABLISH A WORK GROUP TO STUDY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, STATE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND
OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, THE SUSTAINABILITY FOR FUTURE GROWTH,
RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PURSUE
FUTURE CAREERS IN EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, the national education association founded the
future teachers of America in 1937, which, in 1980, became the
future educators association; and

WHEREAS, the future educators association's mission is to
inspire young people to consider careers in education by
exposing students to the rewards, joys and challenges of
careers in education; and

WHEREAS, as a federally recognized career and technical

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1 student organization, the future educators association
2 functions as a component of co-curricular programs for students
3 interested in education-related careers; and

4 WHEREAS, high schools that offer a state-approved career
5 and technical education program of study can receive funds made
6 available by the federal Carl D. Perkins Vocational and
7 Technical Education Act of 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, any discussion about current efforts to improve
9 education must start with the quality of the teaching work
10 force and ways to recruit and retain the highest quality
11 teachers; and

12 WHEREAS, local chapters of the future educators
13 association can be beneficial in the recruitment of better and
14 more diverse students into the teaching field;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
16 OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study committee
17 establish a work group to study, in collaboration with the
18 career and technical education division of the public education
19 department, the New Mexico chapter of the future educators
20 association, colleges of education and public school district
21 directors and teachers of career and technical education, the
22 sustainability for the future growth, recruitment and training
23 of high school students to pursue future careers in education;
24 and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group study and

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1 explore research that addresses sustainable future growth,
2 recruitment and training of high school students to pursue
3 future careers in education; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group develop a
5 strategic plan that incorporates research proven to be
6 effective and that it make recommendations to expand the future
7 educators association chapters in high schools throughout the
8 state; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the strategic plan, once
10 developed, be shared with public school superintendents and
11 charter school directors; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the chair of the legislative education study
14 committee, the director of the legislative education study
15 committee, the secretary of public education, the director of
16 the New Mexico chapter of the future educators association,
17 public school superintendents, charter school directors and
18 career technical education directors.