

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 6, 2015 "INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT DAY" IN THE  
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the area in the city of Albuquerque centered  
6 around Louisiana between Central and Zuni, comprising the  
7 communities of La Mesa, Trumbull, South San Pedro, Elder  
8 Homestead, Fair West and surrounding areas is known as the  
9 international district; and

10 WHEREAS, the residents living in that community come  
11 from various countries of origin and have diverse ethnic,  
12 racial and national backgrounds; and

13 WHEREAS, businesses in and around this area cater to a  
14 clientele from around the world; and

15 WHEREAS, the area is commonly recognized as the most  
16 internationally and culturally diverse in New Mexico, is a  
17 vibrant part of Albuquerque and has a rich history of  
18 technological advancement; and

19 WHEREAS, Henry Edwards Roberts and three Kirtland air  
20 force base colleagues founded Micro Instrumentation and  
21 Telemetry Systems located in what is now Albuquerque's  
22 international district; and

23 WHEREAS, the men built the first microcomputer  
24 prototype, the Altair 8800, in October 1974, making the  
25 international district home to the first personal computers;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Micro Instrumentation and Telemetry Systems  
3 hired Paul Allen and Bill Gates to write a beginner's  
4 all-purpose symbolic instruction code, more commonly referred  
5 to as BASIC, for that first personal computer; and

6 WHEREAS, Paul Allen and Bill Gates then formed their own  
7 company, Microsoft, and their original office still stands in  
8 the international district; and

9 WHEREAS, the international district will continue its  
10 historical tradition of embracing technological advancement  
11 by hosting a public charter school for technology leadership  
12 that is scheduled to open in the fall of 2015; and

13 WHEREAS, efforts to create a positive awareness of the  
14 international district's past, present and future history and  
15 diversity are supported by local county, city and state  
16 elected officials;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 6, 2015 be declared  
19 "International District Day" in the senate; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to members of the media in Albuquerque and  
22 Santa Fe, to the principal of the leadership technology  
23 charter school and to city and county officials representing  
24 the area. \_\_\_\_\_

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