

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 13

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING RECOGNITION, SUPPORT AND PROMOTION OF ROBOTICS  
12 EDUCATION AND COMPETITION IN NEW MEXICO AND REQUESTING THE  
13 GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY AS "NEW MEXICO  
14 ROBOTICS EDUCATION AND COMPETITION WEEKEND".

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16 WHEREAS, New Mexico's national laboratories, universities,  
17 industries and public and private schools actively design,  
18 promote and engage students and employees in robot projects and  
19 research; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico secondary students in grades three  
21 through twelve are currently eligible to participate in and  
22 learn science, technology, engineering and mathematics through  
23 robot educational programs and competitions; and

24 WHEREAS, many New Mexico secondary and post-secondary  
25 schools are implementing robotics curricula for students in

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1 their daily school programs; and

2 WHEREAS, numerous New Mexico-based robot competitions are  
3 available to all New Mexico students throughout the academic  
4 year; and

5 WHEREAS, New Mexico-based robotic competitions  
6 successfully draw international students to compete annually  
7 with New Mexico's students; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico students are participating in global  
9 robot education and competition programs based in other  
10 countries, both virtually and physically; and

11 WHEREAS, international students are participating with New  
12 Mexico students in robotic camps here in the state and  
13 international educators are teaming up annually with New Mexico  
14 educators in New Mexico-based robotic academics; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico students and educators are  
16 collaborating and competing with international students and  
17 educators to develop important global communication skills; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico industry in the twenty-first century  
19 will require a labor force trained in science, technology,  
20 engineering and math-based skills; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico students participating in robotics  
22 education and competitions today will develop the skills needed  
23 to fill the labor demands of tomorrow; and

24 WHEREAS, as an industry that does not depend on New  
25 Mexico's limited water resources, robotics provides an ideal

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1 opportunity for economic development since the only limitation  
2 in robotics is one's imagination;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the importance of robotics education  
5 and competitions be recognized as a keystone to engage the  
6 interest of all students and educators in the fields of  
7 science, technology, engineering and math throughout New  
8 Mexico; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the higher education  
10 department be requested to collaborate with New Mexico  
11 secondary schools to support robotics education and  
12 competitions; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tourism department be  
14 encouraged to promote New Mexico as a destination "where the  
15 world comes to play with robots"; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the economic development  
17 department be encouraged to promote New Mexico robotics  
18 education and competitions to increase participation of  
19 national and international companies and to entice participants  
20 to come to New Mexico; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to  
22 proclaim annually the first weekend in May as "New Mexico  
23 Robotics Education and Competition Weekend"; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of higher education,

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1 the secretary of tourism, the secretary of economic development  
2 and the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council.

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