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SENATE MEMORIAL 75

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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 28, 2015 "NEW MEXICO EDUCATION POWERHOUSE
CONFERENCE DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, every human being should have the right to an
education; and

WHEREAS, high-stakes testing in public education has, for
some public educators, created a negative atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, some public educators have found the tests may be
age-inappropriate, inconsequential to children's learning, not
useful in providing instruction to educators and not useful in
the determination of teacher evaluation scores; and

WHEREAS, standardized tests are linked to state standards
that have resulted in a significant cost to New Mexico
taxpayers, lost instructional time in classrooms and a negative
impact on New Mexico students; and

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1 WHEREAS, limited public resources for education have been
2 diverted away from the classroom to out-of-state initiatives;
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4 WHEREAS, the network for public education is a national
5 advocacy group whose goal is to fight to protect and strengthen
6 public school systems as essential institutions in a democratic
7 society; and

8 WHEREAS, the American federation of teachers has requested
9 a delay in the implementation of high-stakes testing due to
10 concerns regarding perceived equality and age-
11 inappropriateness; and

12 WHEREAS, it is important for concerned community members
13 to protect, preserve, promote and strengthen public schools and
14 the education of current and future generations of students;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the national education association-Santa Fe is
17 hosting an education powerhouse conference in Santa Fe on
18 February 28, 2015 to educate the public about the implications
19 of current policies in New Mexico;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
21 OF NEW MEXICO that February 28, 2015 be declared "New Mexico
22 Education Powerhouse Conference Day" in the senate; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the secretary of public education, the
25 legislative education study committee and the president of the

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