

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 26, 2018 "NEW MEXICO NATIONAL BOARD  
3 CERTIFIED TEACHERS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher  
6 network was established in 2001 to promote national board for  
7 professional teaching standards certification for New Mexico  
8 teachers and to promote accomplished teaching throughout  
9 New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher  
11 network advocates for leadership opportunities for national  
12 board certified teachers and educates teachers about the  
13 national board's body of knowledge; and

14 WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher  
15 network also supports candidates through the national board  
16 certification process, celebrates achievement, offers  
17 opportunities to all constituent groups and supports and  
18 recognizes all national board certified teachers in all  
19 school districts in the state and in the legislature; and

20 WHEREAS, national board certified teachers are  
21 nationally recognized as being among the best teachers in  
22 the profession; and

23 WHEREAS, national board certification is a rigorous  
24 process that can take up to three years to achieve;  
25 applicants must demonstrate competency across three

1 performance-based domains and pass a written test of content  
2 and pedagogical knowledge; and

3 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study conducted by the national  
4 research council found that students of national board  
5 certified teachers make greater gains on achievement tests  
6 over time than students of non-certified teachers; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico has one thousand one hundred  
8 fifty-two national board certified teachers across forty-five  
9 public school districts, bureau of Indian education schools  
10 and charter schools, with sixty percent of all national board  
11 certified teachers serving in Title I schools; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks twenty-first in the nation for  
13 national board certification and twelfth in the nation for  
14 percentage of board certification, with five and three-tenths  
15 percent of all New Mexico teachers having achieved board  
16 certification; and

17 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district,  
18 Santa Fe public school district, Las Cruces public school  
19 district, Rio Rancho public school district, Los Alamos  
20 public school district and Gallup-McKinley county public  
21 school district are the New Mexico school districts with the  
22 highest numbers of national board certified teachers, with  
23 the Albuquerque public school district being ranked sixteenth  
24 in the nation for the number of national board certified  
25 teachers;

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 26, 2018 be declared  
3 "New Mexico National Board Certified Teachers Day" in the  
4 senate to acknowledge the achievements of all national board  
5 certified teachers and their contributions to the learning  
6 and growth of New Mexico students; and

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of public  
9 education.

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