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SENATE MEMORIAL 72

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 9, 2018 "NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, established in 1950, the New Mexico association of student councils was founded by a group of educators who wanted to create an organization for student leaders to encourage practice of the democratic process, citizenship and service while fostering an exchange of ideas and problem-solving strategies in New Mexico schools; and

WHEREAS, student councils follow the principles for which the United States was founded and focus on active citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, many members of the New Mexico legislature began their public service careers as members of student councils; and

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1           WHEREAS, the vision of the New Mexico association of  
2 student councils is to create the leaders of tomorrow, today,  
3 all in the spirit of serving, guiding and leading; and

4           WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of student councils  
5 believes in the promotion of unity while respecting diversity  
6 of individuals; and

7           WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of student councils  
8 encourages total involvement and participation through  
9 attendance in leadership training; and

10          WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of student councils  
11 supports the ideals of service within New Mexico communities;  
12 and

13          WHEREAS, the practice of the democratic process preserves  
14 the equal voices of students and advisors by the election of  
15 association leaders as executive board members; and

16          WHEREAS, by being a part of the New Mexico association of  
17 student councils, students and advisors have opportunities to  
18 network with a wide variety of organizations, businesses and  
19 people from across the state and nation; and

20          WHEREAS, youth across the country and New Mexico want to  
21 play an active role in their futures; and

22          WHEREAS, active engagement is critical to democracy, and  
23 the United States of America's founding fathers were the model  
24 of an active citizenry; and

25          WHEREAS, on February 9, 2018, over one thousand young

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1 people and over one hundred fifty adult sponsors from across  
2 New Mexico will participate in the sixty-eighth New Mexico  
3 association of student councils conference in Bernalillo, New  
4 Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, a dedicated group of New Mexico organizations and  
6 sponsors have come together to support the sixty-eighth New  
7 Mexico association of student councils conference; and

8 WHEREAS, solutions to preserve New Mexico's rich  
9 traditions for future generations can be implemented through  
10 dedicated student engagement on student councils;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
12 OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2018 be declared "New Mexico  
13 Association of Student Councils Day" in the senate; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the executive director of the New Mexico  
16 association of student councils.