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SENATE MEMORIAL 74

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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 14, 2018 "RUDOLFO ANAYA I LOVE TO READ DAY"
IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, reading is the most important skill a child will
ever learn, as reading is the gateway to higher education and
career success; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's children need the support of caring
adults to encourage them to read and to keep reading; and

WHEREAS, books by and about New Mexico encourage a strong
self-identity and help preserve unique New Mexican languages
while strengthening important reading skills; and

WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya is a widely celebrated educator who
truly believes that "leer es poder", meaning "reading is
power", and whose efforts have brought critical attention to
reading as the foundation of learning, which is essential to

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1 the growth and success of all children and their communities;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya is a native son of New Mexico with
4 humble beginnings in Pastura in Guadalupe county, is today
5 regarded as the father of Chicano literature and is the
6 recipient of the national medal of arts, the national
7 humanities medal, the American book award and numerous other
8 accolades; and

9 WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya believes that all New Mexico
10 children should be familiar with the folklore and traditions of
11 their state's cultures, such as cuentos, dichos, plays, songs
12 and Native American stories; and

13 WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya has written a children's book about
14 the importance of education and the greatest lesson a child can
15 learn: the value of knowing how to read; and

16 WHEREAS, the characters and northern New Mexico landscape
17 in the book *Owl in a Straw Hat* come to life and resonate
18 wonderfully with children and adults alike; and

19 WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya's efforts have brought critical
20 attention to reading as the foundation of learning, which is
21 essential to the growth and success of all children and their
22 communities; and

23 WHEREAS, a reading program was established as a
24 partnership between Rudolfo Anaya and the Christopher Montalvo
25 memorial fund to inspire children to read more, and it is now

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1 in its third year; and

2 WHEREAS, the goal of this reading program is to encourage
3 and recognize reading achievements by New Mexico children at
4 home and in every New Mexico school;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that February 14, 2018 be declared "Rudolfo Anaya
7 I Love To Read Day" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all children in New Mexico
9 enjoy reading with a caring adult on this day to encourage them
10 to read and keep on reading; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to Rudolfo Anaya and the reading program
13 established with the Christopher Montalvo memorial fund.

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