

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MAGNET SCHOOLS IN NEW MEXICO.

3
4 WHEREAS, there are approximately four thousand three
5 hundred forty magnet or theme-based schools in the United
6 States serving nearly three million five hundred thousand
7 students; and

8 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district has
9 sixteen magnet schools serving five thousand one hundred
10 students; and

11 WHEREAS, magnet schools are the original form of public
12 school choice and have played an integral role in promoting
13 racial and socioeconomic integration since the landmark
14 United States supreme court decision of *Brown v. Board of*
15 *Education*; and

16 WHEREAS, magnet schools are based on five pillars of
17 success: diversity, innovative curriculum and professional
18 development, academic excellence, high quality instructional
19 systems and family and community partnerships; and

20 WHEREAS, students who attend racially and
21 socioeconomically diverse magnet schools have higher levels
22 of twenty-first century skills and capabilities such as
23 critical thinking and the ability to communicate across
24 different cultures; and

25 WHEREAS, students who attend racially and

1 socioeconomically diverse magnet schools are also more likely
2 to reject stereotypes, adopt multiple perspectives, develop
3 cross-racial friendships and seek out diverse colleges and
4 universities, workplaces and neighborhoods; and

5 WHEREAS, theme-based magnet schools provide families
6 with a wide variety of public school choice options that
7 nourish the individual talents and abilities of all students
8 and prepare them for college and future careers through
9 innovative teaching and learning; and

10 WHEREAS, magnet schools connect today's learning with
11 future opportunities through industry partnerships, workforce
12 connections and community support for students in all grades;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Coronado elementary school, a dual language
15 magnet school in the Albuquerque public school district,
16 became the first nationally certified magnet school in New
17 Mexico in 2018, by demonstrating its implementation of highly
18 rigorous national certification standards;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
21 contributions that magnet schools have made toward student
22 excellence in New Mexico be recognized; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to magnet schools of America and the
25 superintendent of the Albuquerque public school district. _____