

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL
3 RETIREES; DECLARING FEBRUARY 22, 2019 "NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION
4 OF EDUCATIONAL RETIREES DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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6 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational
7 retirees is an inclusive organization that promotes the
8 professional, economic, intellectual, social and physical
9 well-being of its members, encourages volunteer opportunities
10 in the community and provides advocacy for improved
11 retirement benefits for all educational retirees; and

12 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational
13 retirees has twenty-six units statewide and a growing
14 membership of more than six thousand one hundred retirees;
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16 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational
17 retirees began its community service program in 2008 and
18 offers retired educators the opportunity to volunteer in
19 schools, libraries, gardens, offices, churches, prison
20 programs and animal shelters as well as to provide
21 transportation to social services and care for family
22 members; and

23 WHEREAS, the community service program assists
24 individuals and entities that cannot provide the quantity or
25 quality of services required to meet the needs of the retiree

1 population; and

2 WHEREAS, in 2008, retired educators in the community
3 service program volunteered forty-five thousand nine hundred
4 fifteen and one-half hours, calculated by the United States
5 bureau of labor statistics at nineteen dollars fifty-two
6 cents (\$19.52) per hour for a monetary value of eight hundred
7 ninety-six thousand two hundred seventy dollars fifty-six
8 cents (\$896,270.56); and

9 WHEREAS, in 2018, retired educators volunteered three
10 hundred ten thousand seven hundred forty-two hours,
11 calculated by the United States bureau of labor statistics at
12 twenty-four dollars sixty-nine cents (\$24.69) per hour for a
13 monetary value of seven million six hundred seventy-two
14 thousand two hundred forty-four dollars sixty-seven cents
15 (\$7,672,244.67); and

16 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational
17 retirees additionally monitors legislation that affects
18 educational retirees and has an established "adopt a
19 legislator" program to communicate with legislators about
20 issues that affect educational retirees; and

21 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of educational
22 retirees provides support for the interests of retirees by
23 having an association representative serve on the educational
24 retirement board, the board of the retiree health care
25 authority and other statewide committees;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico association of
3 educational retirees be recognized for its representation and
4 advocacy on behalf of the educational retirees in New Mexico
5 and for its contributions to the residents of New Mexico
6 through its volunteer services; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 22, 2019 be
8 declared "New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees Day"
9 in the senate; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico association of
12 educational retirees. _____

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