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54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MAGNET SCHOOLS IN NEW MEXICO.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, magnet schools are based on five pillars of

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1 success: diversity, innovative curriculum and professional
2 development, academic excellence, high quality instructional
3 systems and family and community partnerships; and

4 WHEREAS, students who attend racially and
5 socioeconomically diverse magnet schools have higher levels of
6 twenty-first century skills and capabilities such as critical
7 thinking and the ability to communicate across different
8 cultures; and

9 WHEREAS, students who attend racially and
10 socioeconomically diverse magnet schools are also more likely
11 to reject stereotypes, adopt multiple perspectives, develop
12 cross-racial friendships and seek out diverse colleges and
13 universities, workplaces and neighborhoods; and

14 WHEREAS, theme-based magnet schools provide families with
15 a wide variety of public school choice options that nourish the
16 individual talents and abilities of all students and prepare
17 them for college and future careers through innovative teaching
18 and learning; and

19 WHEREAS, magnet schools connect today's learning with
20 future opportunities through industry partnerships, workforce
21 connections and community support for students in all grades;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Coronado elementary school, a dual language
24 magnet school in the Albuquerque public school district, became
25 the first nationally certified magnet school in New Mexico in

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1 2018, by demonstrating its implementation of highly rigorous
2 national certification standards;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
5 contributions that magnet schools have made toward student
6 excellence in New Mexico be recognized; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to magnet schools of America and the superintendent
9 of the Albuquerque public school district.