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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 10

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

JOHN A. HEATON

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
INITIATE LEGISLATION TO CHANGE THE WAY FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HEAD
START ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE STATES.

WHEREAS, head start offers early childhood education and
a wide range of other services to meet the health, nutritional
and psychological needs of low-income children; and

WHEREAS, support for federally funded preschool, such as
head start, is based on the assumption that preschool years
present a special opportunity to affect later development,
particularly among children from low-income homes; and

WHEREAS, early childhood education programs promote
children's early development and improve their readiness to
succeed in school; and

WHEREAS, research shows that continuity in early

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1 childhood programs and elementary school curricula supports
2 children's early development and provides a smooth transition
3 into elementary school; and

4 WHEREAS, early childhood education programs consistently
5 demonstrate beneficial effects for children, such as improved
6 academic achievement, a reduction in grade retention, earlier
7 diagnosis of special needs and greater likelihood of high
8 school graduation; and

9 WHEREAS, studies indicate that children who have
10 participated in early childhood education programs demonstrate
11 better classroom behavior, better social adjustment, increased
12 pride in school achievement and increased commitment to
13 school; and

14 WHEREAS, many parents and children do not have access to
15 head start programs because they are not available in many
16 areas; and

17 WHEREAS, if funding for head start were distributed to
18 departments of education in all the states, head start would
19 be school based; and

20 WHEREAS, if head start programs were school based, they
21 would be available in all areas; and

22 WHEREAS, one of the goals of the national education goals
23 2000 is that "All children in America will start school ready
24 to learn";

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional
2 delegation be urged to initiate legislation to move federal
3 funds for head start to the departments of education in all
4 the states for distribution so that head start programs are
5 school based to provide the highest quality childhood
6 education, continuity in school curriculum and a smooth
7 transition from early childhood programs to elementary school
8 for children and their families; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 sent to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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2 **SECOND SESSION, 1998**

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9 **Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**

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11 Yes: 6

12 No: Mallory

13 Excused: Beam, Nicely, Trujillo-Knauer, Vigil, W. C. Williams, Wright

14 Absent: None

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13 Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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Yes: 6

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Excused: Boitano, Duran, Gorham, Rawson

Absent: None

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