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51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 14, 2014 AS "NEW MEXICO TRiO PROGRAMS DAY"
AT THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, 2014 is the forty-ninth anniversary of the nationwide, federal TRiO student support programs, and New Mexico was one of the first states to implement the programs; and

WHEREAS, all TRiO programs are vested in the notion that committed students deserve an opportunity to obtain higher education without regard to race, gender, national origin or disability status, and regardless of their family's economic resources or educational background; and

WHEREAS, seven TRiO programs are funded by the United States department of education, including talent search, upward bound, upward bound math and science, veterans upward bound,

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1 student support services, the Ronald E. McNair
2 postbaccalaureate program and educational opportunity centers;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, since 1965, more than ten million five hundred
5 thousand Americans from poor and working families have
6 benefited from the services of TRiO pre-college and college
7 programs; and

8 WHEREAS, as of 2012, more than one thousand two hundred
9 colleges, universities and community agencies in the country
10 host more than two thousand six hundred TRiO programs, serving
11 eight hundred sixty-six thousand young people and adults from
12 poor and working families; and

13 WHEREAS, TRiO services include assistance in choosing a
14 college; tutoring; personal and financial counseling; career
15 counseling; assistance in applying to college; workplace and
16 college visits; special instruction in reading, writing, study
17 skills and mathematics; assistance in applying for financial
18 aid; and academic assistance in high school or assistance to
19 reenter high school; and

20 WHEREAS, TRiO programs have been providing educational
21 support and increased access to higher education for
22 disadvantaged students for more than forty years; and

23 WHEREAS, in New Mexico and west Texas, as of 2012, there
24 were thirty-six TRiO programs that bring in over twelve million
25 dollars (\$12,000,000) in federal funding and serve more than

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1 twelve thousand students; and

2 WHEREAS, the congress of the United States first enacted
3 National TRiO Day in 1986 to recognize the achievements of all
4 TRiO programs and their role in advancing equal opportunity in
5 post-secondary education; and

6 WHEREAS, TRiO day is meant to increase awareness and
7 garner support for all TRiO programs, TRiO students, college
8 graduates, administrators, counselors and state and federal
9 supporters; and

10 WHEREAS, these successful federal programs work to help
11 low-income and first-generation students to enter college and
12 earn a college degree and should be expanded to serve more
13 Americans;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the TRiO
16 programs be recognized for the important role they have played
17 in encouraging and assisting students seeking higher education;
18 and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February be recognized as
20 national TRiO month and that February 14, 2014 be proclaimed
21 "New Mexico TRiO Programs Day" in the house of representatives;
22 and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to Roland Salas, director of student support
25 services at New Mexico highlands university.

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