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SENATE MEMORIAL 35

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 11, 2011 AS "VIRTUAL ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to providing access to quality education for all of its students and their families, from pre-kindergarten through graduate and professional studies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich cultural heritage that is rooted in its unique history, its geography and the relationships among its people with different identities, languages, nationalities and diverse narratives; and

WHEREAS, Engaging Latino Communities for Education, ENLACE, New Mexico is celebrating its ten-year anniversary and has established community partnerships with institutions that prepare students for all academic and vocational professions;

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2 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity and
3 that a multicultural, multilingual-focused educational
4 initiative will create a world-class educational system for all
5 students; and

6 WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE recognizes, validates and
7 embraces the core cultural values of its stakeholders, namely,
8 the strength of *familia*, the bonds of *comunidad* and the
9 mutuality of *respeto*; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico needs grassroots change, with
11 students, families and communities defining the programmatic
12 and policy issues necessary to effect systemic changes; and

13 WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have
14 united in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation and
15 expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission; and

16 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has shown its
17 commitment to improving the state's educational system by
18 funding programs such as ENLACE; and

19 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico recognizes that an economic
20 crisis of historic proportions continues to affect our state
21 and our country and that tough decisions must be made through a
22 bipartisan effort; and

23 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in providing an equal
24 opportunity for all of its students, regardless of immigration
25 status, to access educational opportunities upon graduating

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1 from high school; and

2 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico trusts the positive influence
3 of family involvement in a child's education; and

4 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico, as one of the leading
5 educational-system reform advocates in the state, strives to
6 promote technology in the classroom as a tool for academic
7 success;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
9 OF NEW MEXICO that Friday, February 11, 2011, be recognized as
10 "Virtual ENLACE New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition be extended to
12 ENLACE New Mexico for increasing opportunities for academic
13 achievement, family involvement and success in higher education
14 for all students in New Mexico; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the various regions of the ENLACE statewide
17 collaborative.