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10	A MEMORIAL
11	RECOGNIZING AND HONORING KENDRA A. MORRISON, A TWENTY-YEAR
12	ADVOCATE FOR NEW MEXICO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL
13	NEEDS.
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15	WHEREAS, Kendra A. Morrison is an advocate whose knowledge
16	and expertise concerning special education and federal and
17	state laws applicable to special education many New Mexicans
18	have relied upon; and
19	WHEREAS, Kendra A. Morrison has worked tirelessly as an
20	advocate to secure systemic changes to afford children with
21	special needs the best possible programs and services; and
22	WHEREAS, many New Mexico parents and children have relied
23	upon Kendra A. Morrison to act as a representative to inform
24	them of their educational rights and assist them in negotiating
25	and resolving disputes with school districts; and

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<u>underscored material = new</u> [bracketed material] = delete WHEREAS, in her work advocating for students with disabilities in the educational system, Kendra A. Morrison has assisted these students in avoiding involvement in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, Kendra A. Morrison's wisdom, guidance and expertise has enabled parents and students in New Mexico to become empowered to advocate for their point of view, services and needs; and

WHEREAS, being on the front line has placed Kendra A. Morrison in intense, complex situations in which she has embraced the best interests of students and the community; and WHEREAS, no matter the obstacles, Kendra A. Morrison has

been determined never to stop until a solution is found; and

WHEREAS, Kendra A. Morrison has been an advocate who has served the state's parents and children with special needs in all of these ways and many more ways for the past twenty years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Kendra A. Morrison be recognized and honored for her selflessness and outstanding service to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Kendra A. Morrison.

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