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Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE RICK MIERA

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING JANUARY 25, 2008 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" AT THE
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to
6 providing access to quality education for all students, from
7 pre-kindergarten through graduate and doctoral studies; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage
9 that is rooted in its unique history, geography and relations
10 among its people with different identities, varying languages
11 and diverse narratives; and

12 WHEREAS, over the past five years, engaging Latino
13 communities for education (ENLACE) New Mexico has established
14 community partnerships, including institutions that prepare
15 students for careers in law, medicine and other professions;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity and
18 that a Latino-focused educational initiative will create a
19 world-class educational system for all students; and

20 WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE recognizes, validates and
21 embraces the core cultural values of its stakeholders, namely
22 the strength of *familia*, the bonds of *comunidad* and the
23 mutuality of *respeto*; and

24 WHEREAS, bottom-up change is needed in this state with
25 students, parents and communities themselves defining the

1 programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic
2 change; and

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

6 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has shown its
7 commitment to education by demonstrating its support for
8 improving the New Mexico educational system by funding
9 programs such as ENLACE;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 25,
12 2008 be recognized as "ENLACE New Mexico Day" at the house of
13 representatives and that recognition be extended to ENLACE New
14 Mexico for increasing opportunities for academic achievement,
15 school completion and success in higher education, not only
16 for Latino students, but for all students in New Mexico; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to local chapters of ENLACE statewide.

S/ BEN LUJAN
BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

S/ STEPHEN R. ARIAS
STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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