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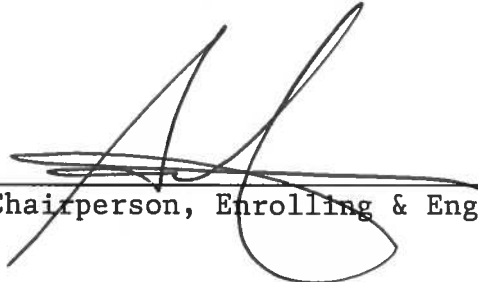
CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

The following error was found in

HOUSE MEMORIAL 43, as amended

and has been corrected in enrolling and engrossing:

1. On page 4, line 5 of the original bill, "a" has been deleted to correct a grammatical error. The correction appears on page 3, line 2 of the enrolled and engrossed bill.

  
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Chairperson, Enrolling & Engrossing Committee

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE  
3 FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN NEW  
4 MEXICO AND REQUESTING THAT IT REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE  
5 LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND TO THE  
6 LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2012.

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8 WHEREAS, public health is the science of protecting and  
9 improving the health of communities through education,  
10 promotion of healthy lifestyles and research for disease and  
11 injury prevention; and

12 WHEREAS, public health professionals analyze the effects  
13 of genetics, personal choice and the environment on health in  
14 order to develop programs to protect the health of families  
15 and communities; and

16 WHEREAS, the field of public health is highly varied and  
17 encompasses many academic disciplines such as behavioral  
18 science and health education, biostatistics, environmental  
19 health, epidemiology, nutrition and maternal and child health,  
20 as well as public health policy; and

21 WHEREAS, there are forty-seven accredited schools of  
22 public health in the United States, with only seven schools of  
23 public health located west of the Mississippi river, and New  
24 Mexico is not among them; and

25 WHEREAS, the accredited public health programs at New

1 Mexico state university and the university of New Mexico are  
2 not offered through a school of public health; and

3 WHEREAS, schools of public health command prestige by  
4 attracting talented faculty and top students, create  
5 employment opportunities and make a substantial impact on  
6 regional public health; and

7 WHEREAS, schools of public health have access to federal  
8 funds for which other institutions are not eligible, and they  
9 are more competitive in efforts to secure outside funding from  
10 federal agencies such as the national institutes of health,  
11 the centers for disease control and prevention and the  
12 department of health and human services; and

13 WHEREAS, increased funding translates into increased  
14 public health research, development of effective interventions  
15 to address public health problems, health disparity reduction,  
16 improvement in health indicators and more jobs for New Mexico  
17 residents;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the higher  
20 education department be requested to study the feasibility of  
21 establishing a school of public health in New Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the higher education  
23 department be requested to report the findings of its school  
24 of public health feasibility study to the legislative health  
25 and human services committee and to the legislative finance

1 committee by November 1, 2012; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the higher education department, the  
4 legislative health and human services committee and the  
5 legislative finance committee.

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BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK  
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