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HOUSE MEMORIAL 8

Introduced by

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AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 18, 2012 AS "ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND
3 LITERACY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, in a future in which the work force is expected
6 to be increasingly dependent on technology, New Mexico needs a
7 highly literate population; and

8 WHEREAS, more than forty percent of the adult population
9 in New Mexico is reported to have literacy problems that
10 severely affect their lives and families, their ability to
11 work productively and their full participation as residents of
12 the state; and

13 WHEREAS, between 2010 and 2011, New Mexico's community
14 colleges and universities and its volunteer community-based
15 organizations provided basic skills and literacy services to
16 more than twenty-six thousand individuals enrolled in post-
17 secondary education or training, amounting to one million six
18 hundred ninety thousand hours of instruction; and

19 WHEREAS, during the same period, two thousand three
20 hundred forty-eight individuals received their general
21 educational development diplomas, more than one thousand
22 individuals enrolled in post-secondary educational or training
23 institutions and two thousand thirty-five individuals entered
24 or retained employment; and

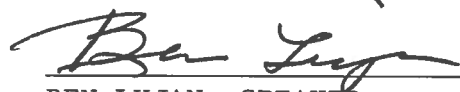
25 WHEREAS, the higher education department, the New Mexico

1 coalition for literacy and numerous adult basic education
2 programs and community-based and nonprofit literacy
3 organizations are jointly committed to eradicating illiteracy
4 in the state; and

5 WHEREAS, without this array of adult basic education and
6 literacy programs, adult New Mexicans would find it difficult
7 to access the services and benefits to which they are
8 entitled;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 18,
11 2012 be proclaimed as "Adult Basic Education and Literacy Day"
12 in the house of representatives; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of higher education and the
15 executive director of the New Mexico coalition for literacy.
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BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK
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