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REPRESENTATIVE STEPHANIE GARCIA RICHARD



1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 14, 2018 "RUDOLFO ANAYA I LOVE TO READ
3 DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, reading is the most important skill a child
6 will ever learn, as reading is the gateway to higher
7 education and career success; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico's children need the support of
9 caring adults to encourage them to read and to keep reading;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, books by and about New Mexico encourage a
12 strong self-identity and help preserve unique New Mexican
13 languages while strengthening important reading skills; and

14 WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya is a widely celebrated educator
15 who truly believes that "leer es poder", meaning "reading is
16 power", and whose efforts have brought critical attention to
17 reading as the foundation of learning, which is essential to
18 the growth and success of all children and their communities;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya is a native son of New Mexico
21 with humble beginnings in Pastura in Guadalupe county, is
22 today regarded as the father of Chicano literature and is the
23 recipient of the national medal of arts, the national
24 humanities medal, the American book award and numerous other
25 accolades; and

1 WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya believes that all New Mexico
2 children should be familiar with the folklore and traditions
3 of their state's cultures, such as cuentos, dichos, plays,
4 songs and Native American stories; and

5 WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya has written a children's book
6 about the importance of education and the greatest lesson a
7 child can learn: the value of knowing how to read; and

8 WHEREAS, the characters and northern New Mexico
9 landscape in the book *Owl in a Straw Hat* come to life and
10 resonate wonderfully with children and adults alike; and

11 WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya's efforts have brought critical
12 attention to reading as the foundation of learning, which is
13 essential to the growth and success of all children and their
14 communities; and

15 WHEREAS, a reading program was established as a
16 partnership between Rudolfo Anaya and the Christopher
17 Montalvo memorial fund to inspire children to read more, and
18 it is now in its third year; and

19 WHEREAS, the goal of this reading program is to
20 encourage and recognize reading achievements by New Mexico
21 children at home and in every New Mexico school;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 14,
24 2018 be declared "Rudolfo Anaya I Love To Read Day" in the
25 house of representatives; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all children in New Mexico
2 enjoy reading with a caring adult on this day to encourage
3 them to read and keep on reading; and


4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to Rudolfo Anaya and the reading program
6 established with the Christopher Montalvo memorial fund.

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