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HOUSE MEMORIAL 42

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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A MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND ITS CREATION
OF A REPORT IDENTIFYING ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LAST TEN
YEARS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

WHEREAS, in 2008, the New Mexico legislature passed Senate
Bill 34, which enacted the New Mexico School for the Arts Act,
allowing for the creation of a statewide, residential state-
chartered charter high school for the arts; and

WHEREAS, in January 2009, the public education commission
issued a charter to the New Mexico school for the arts, and the
school opened in August 2010 and has served seven hundred
eighty students from eighteen counties and sixty-eight
communities across the state since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico school for the arts has operated a
residential program since August 2010 that provides access to

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1 the school to students statewide and has allowed one hundred
2 students to attend the school under the residential program
3 since its inception; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2016, the United States department of
5 education designated the New Mexico school for the arts as a
6 national blue ribbon school, one of the nation's highest honors
7 in education, for its success in closing the achievement gap;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the New Mexico school for the arts has
10 consistently earned the highest school rankings for academic
11 success from the public education department for the past ten
12 years; and

13 WHEREAS, in celebration of its tenth anniversary, the New
14 Mexico school for the arts will convene a group to create a
15 report of the school's accomplishments and plans for its
16 continued success and sustainability;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the house of
19 representatives recognize the accomplishments of the New Mexico
20 school for the arts as a school of excellence in arts and
21 academics for students statewide; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the speaker of the house of
23 representatives be requested to nominate two members of the
24 house of representatives to support the New Mexico school for
25 the arts in its efforts to complete its report of

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1 accomplishments and future plans; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the report be
3 submitted to the New Mexico legislative council when completed;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
7 council, the secretary of public education and the president of
8 the governing council of the New Mexico school for the arts.

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