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HOUSE MEMORIAL 49

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION TO STUDY THE  
FORMATION OF SCIENCE TEAMS AT ALL STATE MIDDLE AND HIGH  
SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico economy is highly reliant on the  
science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields,  
including energy development, national laboratories, health  
care and high-technology companies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's economic development priorities call  
for expansion of science, technology, engineering and  
mathematics fields; and

WHEREAS, national labor market research predicts that the  
American work force will need one hundred twenty-three million  
workers for high-skill jobs by 2020, but only fifty million  
Americans are expected to qualify for them; and

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1           WHEREAS, students must be encouraged to follow educational  
2 paths to fill the jobs that are being created in the science  
3 fields; and

4           WHEREAS, middle and high school athletics are important  
5 and New Mexicans are justifiably proud of their children's  
6 athletic accomplishments; and

7           WHEREAS, the creation of science teams in middle and high  
8 schools would be an important social incentive for students to  
9 stay involved in science fields; and

10           WHEREAS, statewide competitions would provide an  
11 opportunity for science teams to receive the recognition that  
12 athletic teams receive for their accomplishments;

13           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico  
15 activities association be requested to study the formation of  
16 science teams at all state middle and high schools; and

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico activities  
18 association be requested to prepare a report and present  
19 recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative  
20 committee by December 1, 2014; and

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico activities  
23 association.