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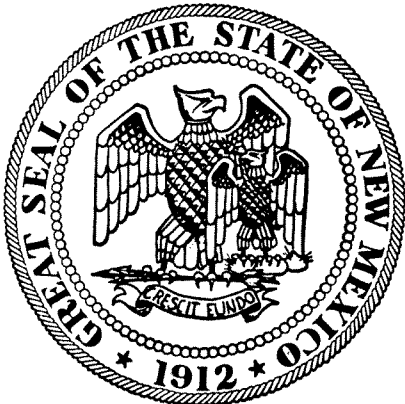
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HOUSE MEMORIAL 47

Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE NICK L. SALAZAR

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 1, 2008 "ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY
3 DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, high levels of adult literacy and a prosperous
6 future go hand in hand; and

7 WHEREAS, more than forty percent of New Mexico's adults
8 have literacy issues that severely affect their lives and
9 those of their families, their ability to work productively
10 and their full participation as citizens and residents of the
11 state; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico's community colleges, universities
13 and volunteer and community-based organizations provided more
14 than one million three hundred thousand instructional hours of
15 basic skills and literacy services to more than thirty
16 thousand adults during the 2006-2007 program year, with the
17 result that one thousand eight hundred forty adult education
18 students received their GEDs, nine hundred sixty enrolled in
19 post-secondary education or training, eight hundred forty-two
20 entered employment and one thousand one hundred sixty-seven
21 retained employment; and

22 WHEREAS, the higher education department, the New Mexico
23 adult education association, New Mexico's adult basic
24 education programs and New Mexico's community-based and
25 nonprofit literacy organizations are jointly committed to

1 eradicating illiteracy in our state; and

2 WHEREAS, without this adult basic education and literacy
3 system, adult New Mexicans would not be able to access the
4 services and benefits of citizenship that are due them;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 1,
7 2008 be declared "Adult Basic Education and Literacy Day" at
8 the house of representatives.

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