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Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE TOMÁS E. SALAZAR

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



A MEMORIAL

1
2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 27, 2015 "NEW MEXICO TRiO PROGRAMS DAY"
3 AT THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
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5 WHEREAS, 2015 is the fiftieth anniversary of the
6 nationwide, federal TRiO student support programs, and New
7 Mexico was one of the first states to implement the programs;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, all TRiO programs are vested in the notion that
10 committed students deserve an opportunity to obtain higher
11 education without regard to race, gender, national origin or
12 disability status and their family's economic resources or
13 educational background; and

14 WHEREAS, seven TRiO programs are funded by the United
15 States department of education, including talent search,
16 upward bound, upward bound math and science, veterans upward
17 bound, student support services, the Ronald E. McNair
18 postbaccalaureate program and educational opportunity centers;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, since 1965, more than ten million five hundred
21 thousand Americans from poor and working families have
22 benefited from the services of TRiO pre-college and college
23 programs; and

24 WHEREAS, as of 2014, more than one thousand two hundred
25 colleges, universities and community agencies in the country

1 host more than two thousand six hundred TRiO programs, serving
2 eight hundred sixty-six thousand young people and adults from
3 poor and working families; and

4 WHEREAS, TRiO services include assistance in choosing a
5 college; tutoring; personal and financial counseling; career
6 counseling; assistance in applying to college; workplace and
7 college visits; special instruction in reading, writing, study
8 skills and mathematics; assistance in applying for financial
9 aid; and academic assistance in high school or assistance to
10 reenter high school; and

11 WHEREAS, TRiO programs have been providing educational
12 support and increased access to higher education for
13 disadvantaged students for more than forty years; and

14 WHEREAS, in New Mexico and west Texas, there are thirty-
15 six TRiO programs that bring in over twelve million dollars
16 (\$12,000,000) in federal funding and serve more than twelve
17 thousand students; and

18 WHEREAS, the congress of the United States first enacted
19 National TRiO Day in 1986 to recognize the achievements of all
20 TRiO programs and their role in advancing equal opportunity in
21 post-secondary education; and


22 WHEREAS, TRiO day is meant to increase awareness and
23 garner support for all TRiO programs, TRiO students, college
24 graduates, administrators, counselors and state and federal
25 supporters; and


1 WHEREAS, these successful federal programs work to help
2 low-income and first-generation students to enter college and
3 earn a college degree and should be expanded to serve more
4 Americans;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the TRiO
7 programs be recognized for the important role they have played
8 in encouraging and assisting students seeking higher
9 education; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February be recognized as
11 national TRiO month and that February 27, 2015 be proclaimed
12 "New Mexico TRiO Programs Day" in the house of
13 representatives; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
15 transmitted to Carol Hicks, TRiO New Mexico president, at New
16 Mexico state university.


DON TRIPP, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


DENISE RAMONAS, CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES