

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2016 "SUPPORT FOR THE TRAILS OF THE  
3 ANCIENTS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico is the birthplace of protected  
6 wilderness and lands that not only preserve heritage, but  
7 also public lands and water; and

8 WHEREAS, protected lands have proven to be good for the  
9 New Mexico economy and create sustainable jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, protected lands protect priceless historical,  
11 archaeological and paleontological resources and provide  
12 important habitat for wildlife; and

13 WHEREAS, these lands provide a place for renewal of the  
14 human spirit and a place for study, reflection, hunting,  
15 camping, photography and other activities; and

16 WHEREAS, the protection of the Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah wilderness  
17 study area creates a new opportunity for tourism and  
18 historical study in the northwest quadrant of the state; and

19 WHEREAS, protection of these lands must occur before  
20 they are lost to development, and there is an urgency to  
21 support protection; and

22 WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrated the fiftieth anniversary  
23 of the federal Wilderness Act, and the protection of this  
24 proposed conservation area would add to the important and  
25 growing legacy of New Mexico land preservation;

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2016 be declared  
3 "Support for the Trails of the Ancients National Conservation  
4 Area Day" in the senate; and

5           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate support the  
6 protection of the Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah wilderness study area and  
7 its designation as part of a national conservation area; and

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the governor and the director of the department  
10 of game and fish. \_\_\_\_\_

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