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HOUSE MEMORIAL 79

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A MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING FEBRUARY 14, 2018 AS "I HEART CAREGIVERS DAY" IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, each year, an estimated four hundred nineteen
thousand adults in the state provide an estimated two hundred
fifty-seven million hours of unpaid family caregiving at an
estimated value of more than three billion one hundred million
dollars (\$3,100,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico state plan for family caregivers
acknowledged the role that unpaid caregivers play in helping
seniors and other family members remain independent; and

WHEREAS, many unpaid caregivers have the challenge of
balancing work, family and caregiver responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, many working, unpaid caregivers are supported by

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1 their employers; and

2 WHEREAS, some working caregivers must adjust their work
3 schedules, give up employment opportunities or leave work to
4 fulfill their caregiving responsibilities; and

5 WHEREAS, working, unpaid caregivers need to be supported
6 and recognized;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OF THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 14,
9 2018 be commemorated as "I Heart Caregivers Day" in the house
10 of representatives; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the AARP New Mexico state office, the Las Cruces
13 AARP chapter and the secretary of aging and long-term services.