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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 25 (SJM 25) recognizes January 26, 2008 as "Greater Espanola Day" at the New Mexico Legislature, honoring the entire Espanola Valley for its diversity of culture and long-standing Hispanic traditions. Copies of this Memorial are to be transmitted to Michael Chavarria, Governor of the Pueblo of Santa Clara; Earl Sanchez, Governor of the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh; Felipe Martinez, Chair of the Rio Arriba County Commission; Joseph Maestas, Mayor of the City of Espanola; and Archie Vigil, Mayor of the Village of Chama.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Memorial states the following:

- The Espanola Valley lies nestled in both Rio Arriba and Santa Fe Counties and is surrounded by the Pueblos of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh and has vigorous tricultural history.
- 1988 marked the 400th Anniversary of Hispanic influence in the Espanola Valley, commencing in 1598 with the first Spanish settlement in Nuevo Mexico and the opening of the trade route known as El Camino Rael, running from Mexico to the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh.
- The Legislature honors and promotes cultural diversity, including the strong Hispanic culture and traditions that can be found throughout New Mexico.
- The City of Espanola and the Counties of Rio Arriba and Santa Fe exemplify cultural diversity and deep-rooted Hispanic traditions.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The representatives, citizens, and visitors of New Mexico will not be able to celebrate the diversity and culture of Espanola at the New Mexico State Legislature.

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