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HOUSE MEMORIAL 55

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 6, 2008 AS "YMCA DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, for more than nine decades, the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs has brought a special dimension to community life; and

WHEREAS, more than eight thousand two hundred families benefit directly each year from the YMCA's extensive programming for all ages and interest groups, from toddler activities to teen programs to fitness and wellness opportunities for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, more than thirty-four thousand youths benefit each year from programs such as YMCA after-school care, child care, YMCA basketball, YMCA volleyball, character counts, youth and government, YES Corps, counselor-in-training, YMCA summer

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1 camp, teen programs, Camp Shaver and many other fine programs;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, more than one thousand two hundred individuals
4 volunteer at the YMCA each year, making the YMCA one of New
5 Mexico's largest organizations that is volunteer-led and
6 volunteer-driven; and

7 WHEREAS, the YMCA is governed by a local volunteer board
8 of directors who give generously of their time, money and
9 effort in order that the state's residents may grow as
10 responsible members of their families and communities; develop
11 self-confidence and self-respect, as well as an awareness of
12 the rights and worth of every individual; appreciate that
13 physical and mental health are divine gifts that should be
14 maintained through physical fitness and spiritual growth; and
15 develop and use their capacities for leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, the YMCA's ability to foster these goals depends
17 wholly upon continued community support, partially through the
18 United Way fund, but also through the YMCA's memberships and
19 program support, and through expansion, such as the new Teen
20 Technology and Recreation center in Espanola and the renovation
21 and remodeling of two YMCA branches as well as a proposed new
22 westside branch YMCA in Albuquerque;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 6,
25 2008 be declared "YMCA Day" at the house of representatives in

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1 recognition of the important role that the YMCA plays in
2 providing community programs throughout central and northern
3 New Mexico.

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