

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 9, 2010 AS "4-H AND FFA DAY" AT THE
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, 4-H and FFA have been premier youth leadership
6 organizations in New Mexico for more than eighty years; and

7 WHEREAS, 4-H and FFA sponsor chapters and clubs in rural
8 and urban areas throughout the state; and

9 WHEREAS, more than ninety thousand youth between the
10 ages of five and twenty-one years old participate in 4-H and
11 FFA youth development programs statewide; and

12 WHEREAS, 4-H and FFA youth development programs are
13 diverse and help participants acquire important life skills,
14 including leadership, responsible citizenship, critical
15 thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, conflict
16 resolution and communication skills, that directly contribute
17 to the successful transition of young people into productive
18 adults; and

19 WHEREAS, 4-H and FFA participants report having greater
20 confidence and a more positive self-identity, stating that
21 they have greater control over events in their lives and a
22 better ability to make decisions on their own, that they set
23 goals and take responsibility for their actions, that they
24 can take pride in many things and that their lives have
25 purpose and meaning;

