

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 10, 2011 AS "SCHOOL NUTRITION DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, school nutrition programs offered through the national school lunch program and national school breakfast program have provided millions of healthy and nutritious meals to children across New Mexico for more than sixty years; and

WHEREAS, school nutrition programs play an important role in helping to ensure that every student in New Mexico starts school ready to learn because a hungry or undernourished child is less likely to be an eager and attentive student; and

WHEREAS, school nutrition programs are committed to the promotion of children's health, well-being and educational excellence, which are critical elements of student success; and

WHEREAS, in New Mexico, more than two hundred sixty-six thousand lunches and one hundred forty-five thousand breakfasts are served each school day by two hundred three public, private and bureau of Indian affairs school food authorities; and

WHEREAS, school nutrition programs add economic strength to farms and ranches in the state, preserve the environment and decrease the cost of treating diet-related diseases; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is ranked first in the nation in students participating in school breakfast programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 10, 2011 be declared as "School Nutrition Day" in the house of representatives in recognition of the contributions of school nutrition programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the president of the New Mexico school nutrition association.