

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT FEBRUARY 21, 2011 BE DECLARED "AUTISM DAY" IN
3 THE SENATE AND THAT THE NEW MEXICO CHAPTER OF THE AUTISM
4 SOCIETY OF AMERICA BE RECOGNIZED FOR ITS WORK AND ADVOCACY.

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6 WHEREAS, one of every one hundred ten children born this
7 year will be later diagnosed as having autism spectrum
8 disorder; and

9 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder equally affects people
10 of all races and religions and all educational and economic
11 levels; and

12 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a lifelong
13 condition that presents challenges to education, employment,
14 housing and community participation; and

15 WHEREAS, parents, professionals and volunteers devote
16 countless hours to improving the quality of life of
17 individuals who have autism spectrum disorders; and

18 WHEREAS, early intervention, evidence-based practices
19 and proven supports greatly improve the outcomes and reduce
20 the lifelong costs of care of people who have autism spectrum
21 disorder; and

22 WHEREAS, the autism society of America was founded in
23 1965, and the New Mexico autism society was founded in 1968,
24 whose mission is to improve the lives of all persons affected
25 by autism through advocacy, education, support services and

1 the promotion of research; and

2 WHEREAS, the New Mexico autism society advocates and
3 works for better state and federal legislation to assist
4 individuals with autism and their families; and

5 WHEREAS, the state recognizes the valuable contributions
6 to its communities, businesses, technologies and cultures
7 made by people with autism;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico chapter of the autism
10 society of America be recognized and that February 21, 2011
11 be declared "Autism Day" in the senate. _____

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