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SENATE MEMORIAL 13

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 3, 2012 "ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT DAY" AT THE
SENATE.

WHEREAS, more than one hundred years ago, the rotary club
of Chicago was formed, and by 1921, rotary organizations
existed on six continents; and

WHEREAS, rotary clubs were created to help serve
communities in need; and

WHEREAS, today, more than one million members belong to
more than thirty-two thousand rotary clubs in more than two
hundred countries; and

WHEREAS, rotary international has a primary goal of "world
peace and understanding"; and

WHEREAS, the rotary youth exchange program provides
service to youths and helps in the creation of young leaders

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1 who understand cultural tolerance and have international
2 awareness; and

3 WHEREAS, more than eight thousand students utilize the
4 program each year to visit eighty countries across the world;
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6 WHEREAS, the students sponsored in district 5520 in New
7 Mexico and west Texas bring the entire world to New Mexico
8 towns and villages; and

9 WHEREAS, youths participating in the program serve as
10 young ambassadors of peace and create powerful family
11 relationships in the homes that host them and in their local
12 rotary clubs; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico is fortunate to have these model
14 teenagers in high schools across the state; and

15 WHEREAS, sixteen students are currently being hosted in
16 New Mexico, educating residents of the state on other cultures
17 and experiencing the diverse and unique culture of New Mexico;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that February 3, 2012 be proclaimed "Rotary
20 Exchange Student Day" at the senate to honor rotary
21 international and those students that participate in the rotary
22 youth exchange program; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to rotary international.