

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 24, 2012 AS "4-H DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, 4-H has been a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico for more than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, 4-H sponsors clubs in rural and urban areas throughout the state; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition of the contributions of 4-H to the state, January 24, 2012 be declared "4-H Day" at the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to New Mexico state university's 4-H youth development organization.