

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 18, 2012 AS "AUTISM DAY" IN THE SENATE AND  
3 RECOGNIZING THE NEW MEXICO AUTISM SOCIETY FOR ITS  
4 LONG-STANDING WORK AND ADVOCACY.

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6 WHEREAS, autism disorders are the fastest growing  
7 developmental disability in the world today; and

8 WHEREAS, one of every one hundred ten children will be  
9 diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder; and

10 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders affect a person's  
11 communication and social interactions; and

12 WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong condition that varies in  
13 its presentation from severe to mildly impairing; and

14 WHEREAS, the cause of autism remains unknown; and

15 WHEREAS, treatment for autism is effective when it is  
16 highly individualized; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a deficit of service providers  
18 and people trained in the treatment and care of persons with  
19 autism; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico should strive to improve systems of  
21 care for children and adults with autism; and

22 WHEREAS, the state recognizes the valuable contributions  
23 to its communities, businesses, technologies and cultures  
24 made by people with autism; and

25 WHEREAS, the New Mexico autism society has been

