

1 A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, the rotary youth exchange program provides
16 service to youths and helps in the creation of young leaders
17 who understand cultural tolerance and have international
18 awareness; and

19 WHEREAS, more than eight thousand students utilize the
20 program each year to visit eighty countries across the world;
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22 WHEREAS, the students sponsored in district 5520 in
23 New Mexico and west Texas bring the entire world to
24 New Mexico towns and villages; and

25 WHEREAS, youths participating in the program serve as

1 young ambassadors of peace and create powerful family
2 relationships in the homes that host them and in their local
3 rotary clubs; and

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

6 WHEREAS, sixteen students are currently being hosted in
7 New Mexico, educating residents of the state on other
8 cultures and experiencing the diverse and unique culture of
9 New Mexico;

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

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
16 transmitted to rotary international. _____

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