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SENATE MEMORIAL 79

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE OF
YMCAS AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 4, 2016 "YMCA DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, for one hundred one years, the New Mexico
alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of community
statewide through youth development, healthy living and social
responsibility programs; and

WHEREAS, more and more New Mexicans are turning to the
YMCA for education on nutrition and diabetes management and
other chronic disease management programs to support them in
their desires to live healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, nearly thirty-eight thousand New Mexicans benefit
directly each year from the YMCA's programming for all ages and
abilities, programs that include early childhood education,
job-readiness programs for teens, fitness and wellness

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1 opportunities and healthy-living programs for senior citizens;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, nearly fourteen thousand youths benefit each year
4 from programs, such as YMCA after-school enrichment, youth-in-
5 government, developmental sports, earth service corps, teen
6 life-skills classes, teen centers and camp Shaver; and

7 WHEREAS, almost five hundred individuals volunteer at
8 YMCAs each year, donating thousands of hours of time and
9 expertise so that others may develop their potential, making
10 New Mexico's alliance of YMCAs one of the largest volunteer-led
11 and volunteer-driven organizations in the state; and

12 WHEREAS, each YMCA is governed by a local volunteer board
13 of directors, whose members believe that every day, the YMCA is
14 working to meet the most pressing needs in their community,
15 from addressing health and educational disparities to providing
16 critical services and support to underserved populations; and

17 WHEREAS, each of the YMCA local volunteer board members
18 gives generously of his or her time, money and effort in order
19 for New Mexicans to grow as responsible members of their
20 families and communities; and

21 WHEREAS, the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs has awarded over
22 seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) in financial aid so
23 that everyone, regardless of ability to pay, can participate in
24 the YMCA's activities and programs, which are dependent upon
25 annual campaign donations from YMCA members, community members

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1 and community partners;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs be
4 recognized for the important role that the YMCA plays in
5 providing community programs and support to youths, families
6 and adults throughout New Mexico and that February 4, 2016 be
7 declared "YMCA DAY" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs.