1 A MEMORIAL 2 PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017, TO BE "ALBUQUERQUE 3 WEST SIDE DAY" AT THE SENATE. 4 5 WHEREAS, the west side of Albuquerque in Bernalillo 6 county, New Mexico, is the fastest-growing area in the state; 7 and 8 WHEREAS, many neighborhoods and communities on the west 9 side work tirelessly to provide needed infrastructure to help 10 spur economic investments to grow business development and 11 job creation; and 12 WHEREAS, west side Albuquerque schools have steadily 13 improved graduation rates and dropout rates; and 14 WHEREAS, community members and local elected officials 15 have joined forces to create healthy and safe neighborhoods 16 on Albuquerque's west side; and 17 WHEREAS, the west side is the western gateway to 18 Albuquerque's historic route 66 heritage; and 19 WHEREAS, the west side has the highest percentage of 20 Hispanics in Albuquerque, whose roots date back to the early 21 Spanish settlers; and 22 WHEREAS, the west side has the most beautiful views of

the city of Albuquerque and the Sandia and Manzano mountains;

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themselves "west siders";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Thursday, February 16, 2017, be recognized as "Albuquerque West Side Day" at the senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the mayor of Albuquerque, the Bernalillo county board of county commissioners, the south valley coalition of neighborhood associations, the southwest alliance of neighbors and the west side coalition of neighborhood associations._____ SM 86

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