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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 8

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 7, 2017 "SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, land, water and other resources are the basic
physical assets of New Mexico, and their conservation and
development are necessary to protect and promote the health and
general welfare of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is experiencing a severe drought that
is affecting water supplies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico watersheds face over-vegetation and
other challenges that affect water yields; and

WHEREAS, endangered species and interstate compact issues
are complicating water shortage issues; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's forty-seven soil and water
conservation districts have applied these measures to conserve

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1 and develop the natural resources of the state for over fifty
2 years by "putting conservation on the ground"; and

3 WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts are
4 organized and perpetuated by the provisions of the Soil and
5 Water Conservation District Act and are governmental
6 subdivisions of the state;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 7, 2017 be proclaimed "Soil
9 and Water Conservation District Day" at the legislature and
10 that recognition be extended to the men and women who serve to
11 protect the fragile environment that is crucial to the well-
12 being of the state of New Mexico; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the New Mexico association of conservation
15 districts.

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