1 A MEMORIAL 2 RECOGNIZING THE RICH CULTURAL HISTORY OF ALBUQUERQUE'S SOUTH 3 VALLEY AND DECLARING JANUARY 17, 2018 "SOUTH VALLEY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. 4 5 WHEREAS, the residents of the South Valley maintain 6 7 close ties to Albuquerque's Hispanic roots; and 8 WHEREAS, the South Valley is home to some of the most 9 historic communities in Bernalillo county; and 10 WHEREAS, the rich, fertile valley has traditionally been 11 a farming community, and it is still crisscrossed by 12 irrigation ditches linked to the Rio Grande; and 13 WHEREAS, the South Valley prides itself on the area's 14 agricultural traditions; and 15 WHEREAS, Rio Grande high school, South Valley academy 16 and Atrisco heritage academy high school have joined together 17 to honor their South Valley community and its culture, 18 history and families; and 19 WHEREAS, Rio Grande high school, South Valley academy 20 and Atrisco heritage academy high school use the 21 collaboration between the schools to address the needs of the 22 South Valley community; and 23 WHEREAS, Rio Grande high school, South Valley academy

and Atrisco heritage academy high school have joined together

to organize efforts to increase safety in the schools, to

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bring awareness of the importance of education and to further career opportunities; and WHEREAS, Rio Grande high school, South Valley academy and Atrisco heritage academy high school celebrate "Dia de Valle" by honoring the South Valley of Albuquerque and its cultural and historical importance; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the South Valley be honored and recognized for its unique contributions to New Mexico and that January 17, 2018 be declared "South Valley Day" in the house of representatives. _____ $_{\mbox{\scriptsize HM}}$ 13

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