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SENATE MEMORIAL 11

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 1, 2018 "NEW MEXICO RURAL ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico's rural distribution, generation and
transmission cooperatives provide electric power to eighty
percent of the land area of New Mexico and to twenty-two
percent of New Mexicans, while more than forty-two million
people across the country are members of one thousand electric
cooperatives in forty-seven states; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives employ
more than nine hundred New Mexicans and provide over sixty-two
million dollars (\$62,000,000) in annual payroll, which
contributes greatly to the economy of rural New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives have
invested over one billion three hundred million dollars

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1 (\$1,300,000,000) in electric plants and more than forty-six
2 thousand miles of distribution lines, serving an average of
3 four and six-tenths customers per mile; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives have
5 provided over eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) in higher
6 educational scholarships to more than eight thousand New Mexico
7 students over the past twenty years; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives are
9 active, engaged and leaders in their communities; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives
11 participate in the national government-in-action youth tour by
12 sending students from New Mexico to Washington, D.C., to see
13 how government works and learn about the importance of electric
14 cooperatives; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives are
16 leaders in renewable energy, projecting to meet their renewable
17 portfolio standard requirement levels of five percent by 2020,
18 while providing more than twenty-five percent of their energy
19 from solar, wind and hydroelectric power; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives are
21 utilizing new technologies that help to ensure affordable and
22 reliable electricity, including broadband service to
23 underserved areas in their service territories, thereby helping
24 to connect rural New Mexico and stimulate economic development;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that February 1, 2018 be declared "New Mexico
2 Rural Electric Cooperative Day" in the senate; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that rural electric cooperatives be
4 acknowledged for their immeasurable contributions, economic
5 impact and commitment to rural electrification in New Mexico;
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the governor and the executive vice president
9 and general manager of the New Mexico rural electric
10 cooperative association.