1 A MEMORIAL 2 CELEBRATING THE FFA YOUTH ORGANIZATION; DECLARING FEBRUARY 7, 3 2019 "FFA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. 4 5 WHEREAS, FFA, formerly future farmers of America, has 6 been a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico 7 for more than eighty years; and 8 WHEREAS, FFA sponsors chapters in rural and urban areas 9 throughout the state; and 10 WHEREAS, more than three thousand six hundred youths 11 between twelve and twenty-one years of age participate in FFA 12 youth development programs statewide; and 13 WHEREAS, FFA youth development programs are diverse and 14 help participants to acquire important life skills, such as 15 leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking, 16 problem solving, decision-making, conflict resolution and 17 communication skills, that directly contribute to the 18 successful transition of young people into productive adults; 19 and 20 WHEREAS, FFA participants report having more confidence 21 and positive self-identity, greater control in their lives 22 and a better ability to make decisions independently; and

WHEREAS, FFA participants also report that they set goals and take responsibility for their actions, they take pride in many things and their lives have purpose and

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2	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
3	REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in
4	recognition of the contribution of the FFA to the state,
5	February 7, 2019 be declared "FFA Day" in the house of
6	representatives; and
7	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
8	transmitted to New Mexico's FFA organization HM 34
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