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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 6, 2019 "YOUNG FARMERS AND RANCHERS DAY"  
IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico farm and livestock bureau has  
been the voice of agriculture in New Mexico since 1917; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico farm and livestock bureau is an  
independent, voluntary, grassroots organization that  
advocates for all aspects of agriculture to ensure a  
sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the young farmers and ranchers program is part  
of the New Mexico farm and livestock bureau, providing  
training to young people for leadership and development roles  
in agriculture and fostering young farmers and ranchers  
throughout all agricultural industries; and

WHEREAS, beginning farmer and rancher development  
programs create opportunity for thousands of young adults;  
and

WHEREAS, millennials account for more than two hundred  
fifty thousand farmers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than twenty percent of all farmers in the  
United States are beginning farmers; and

WHEREAS, there are over twenty-four thousand farms and  
ranches in New Mexico that span more than forty-three million  
acres; and

1           WHEREAS, five percent of farmers and ranchers in  
2 New Mexico are under the age of thirty-four, totaling  
3 approximately one thousand two hundred young farmers and  
4 ranchers; and

5           WHEREAS, the legislature supports and encourages the  
6 young farmers and ranchers of New Mexico;

7           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in recognition of the contributions  
9 of young farmers and ranchers to the state, February 6, 2019  
10 be declared "Young Farmers and Ranchers Day" in the senate;  
11 and

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all young farmers and  
13 ranchers in the state be recognized for working tirelessly to  
14 provide New Mexico, the United States and world residents  
15 with food, fuel and fiber; and

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico department of  
18 agriculture. \_\_\_\_\_

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