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SENATE MEMORIAL 42

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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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

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1 create opportunity for thousands of young adults; and

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

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

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

9 WHEREAS, five percent of farmers and ranchers in New
10 Mexico are under the age of thirty-four, totaling approximately
11 one thousand two hundred young farmers and ranchers; and

12 WHEREAS, the legislature supports and encourages the young
13 farmers and ranchers of New Mexico;

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

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

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico department of
24 agriculture.