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HOUSE MEMORIAL 64

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 13, 2020 "FOSTER PARENT AND ADVOCATE DAY" IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, hundreds of New Mexicans serve as foster parents
to children who are removed from their homes, through no fault
of their own, because the homes are not safe places for them;
and

WHEREAS, foster parents provide unconditional love, care
and commitment to displaced children; and

WHEREAS, according to the children, youth and families
department, in fiscal year 2018, there were two thousand five
hundred thirty-one children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, foster parents participated in three hundred
eleven finalized adoptions; and

WHEREAS, foster parents are ready to receive a child at a

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1 moment's notice, without any previous knowledge or information
2 about the child or how long the child will need their care; and

3 WHEREAS, foster parents exemplify selflessness and
4 community by building positive connections and experiences for
5 foster children by doing their best to provide stability and
6 security for those children; and

7 WHEREAS, foster parents open their homes and their hearts
8 to children who need love and support, while respecting and
9 fostering connections to the children's culture, religion and
10 community; and

11 WHEREAS, foster parents help children in foster care
12 realize that they are not alone and that others care for them;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, foster parents help children build self-esteem
15 and confidence and provide structure that will contribute to
16 healthy and engaging lives; and

17 WHEREAS, foster parents have the joy and privilege of
18 parenting and learning from children who did not decide to be
19 placed under the state's care but, like all children, have so
20 much to offer;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 13,
23 2020 be declared "Foster Parent and Advocate Day" in the house
24 of representatives; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families.

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