

1 A MEMORIAL

2 CONGRATULATING EL RANCHO DE LAS GOLONDRINAS ON ITS FIFTIETH
3 ANNIVERSARY AND PROCLAIMING JANUARY 25, 2022 "EL RANCHO DE
4 LAS GOLONDRINAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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6 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas, New Mexico's
7 premier living history museum, is celebrating its fiftieth
8 anniversary on January 25, 2022; and

9 WHEREAS, the mission of el rancho de Las Golondrinas is
10 to preserve the legacy of the land and Hispano traditions;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the museum was established in 1972 by
13 landowners Leonora Curtin and Y.A. Paloheimo, who had the
14 vision to donate the land and establish an open-air museum
15 and whose family remains involved in its operations today;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas, located south of
18 Santa Fe in the La Cienega valley, welcomes more than fifty
19 thousand visitors each year from all fifty states and around
20 the world; and

21 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas encompasses five
22 hundred acres, part of which was an important paraje, or
23 stopping place, along el camino real, the "royal road" that
24 extended from Mexico City to Santa Fe; and

25 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas is dedicated to

1 the history, heritage and culture of eighteenth- and
2 nineteenth-century New Mexico and features original historic
3 buildings, a vital acequia system and an irreplaceable
4 cultural landscape; and

5 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas encourages guests
6 to get hands-on with history by teaching visitors how to spin
7 yarn, make a corn husk doll or a chile ristra, stomp grapes
8 and stamp tinwork; and

9 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas strives to
10 protect, preserve and showcase the cultures, traditional
11 lifeways and historic agriculture of New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas welcomes and
13 serves more than twenty thousand New Mexico schoolchildren
14 through its programs each year, instilling pride in the
15 childrens' history and heritage and an understanding of their
16 place in the American story; and

17 WHEREAS, the museum brings education and understanding
18 of New Mexico's history to participants through numerous
19 festival weekends, award-winning lectures, live broadcasts,
20 programming and field trips; and

21 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas has more than five
22 hundred loyal volunteers who work thousands of hours in many
23 capacities at the museum throughout the season; and

24 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas is a year-round
25 working ranch that donates more than seven thousand five

1 hundred pounds of fresh produce grown in its fields to Santa
2 Fe's food depot to feed the hungry each year; and

3 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas is an iconic
4 setting for New Mexico's film industry, with such films and
5 television shows as *Better Call Saul*, *Young Guns* and *News of*
6 *the World* having been filmed on its grounds; and

7 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas is a faithful
8 steward of the land, protecting and preserving several
9 significant archaeological sites; and

10 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas is holding fifty
11 events in 2022 in observance of its fiftieth anniversary;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that el rancho de
14 Las Golondrinas be congratulated on its fiftieth anniversary
15 and that January 25, 2022 be proclaimed "El Rancho de Las
16 Golondrinas Day" in the house of representatives; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the museum director of el rancho de Las
19 Golondrinas.
