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HOUSE MEMORIAL 23

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas, located south of Santa Fe in the La Cienega valley, welcomes more than fifty

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1 thousand visitors each year from all fifty states and around
2 the world; and

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

7 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas is dedicated to the
8 history, heritage and culture of eighteenth- and nineteenth-
9 century New Mexico and features original historic buildings, a
10 vital acequia system and an irreplaceable cultural landscape;
11 and

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

16 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas strives to protect,
17 preserve and showcase the cultures, traditional lifeways and
18 historic agriculture of New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas welcomes and serves
20 more than twenty thousand New Mexico schoolchildren through its
21 programs each year, instilling pride in the childrens' history
22 and heritage and an understanding of their place in the
23 American story; and

24 WHEREAS, the museum brings education and understanding of
25 New Mexico's history to participants through numerous festival

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1 weekends, award-winning lectures, live broadcasts, programming
2 and field trips; and

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

6 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas is a year-round
7 working ranch that donates more than seven thousand five
8 hundred pounds of fresh produce grown in its fields to Santa
9 Fe's food depot to feed the hungry each year; and

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

14 WHEREAS, el rancho de Las Golondrinas is a faithful
15 steward of the land, protecting and preserving several
16 significant archaeological sites; and

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

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the museum director of el rancho de Las

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