

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005, AS "LIBERTY DAY" IN  
3 THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, Wednesday, March 16, 2005, marks the two  
6 hundred fifty-fourth anniversary of the birth of the nation's  
7 fourth president, James Madison, the "father of the  
8 constitution"; and

9 WHEREAS, the rights and liberties that Americans enjoy  
10 are guaranteed by the documents that the nation's founding  
11 fathers created: the declaration of independence and the  
12 United States constitution and the bill of rights; and

13 WHEREAS, James Madison's written records of the debates  
14 in the federal convention of 1787, which were co-written by  
15 Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, became known as the  
16 federalist papers and have endured as some of the best  
17 arguments for the nation's form of government; and

18 WHEREAS, during his service in the United States house  
19 of representatives from 1789 to 1797, James Madison  
20 introduced the bill of rights to congress; and

21 WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting that March 16, the  
22 birthday of the distinguished founding father, James Madison,  
23 serve as a reminder of Liberty Day, a celebration of the  
24 declaration of independence and the United States  
25 constitution, where the inalienable rights and liberties of

1 Americans are enumerated; and

2 WHEREAS, congress has passed a concurrent resolution  
3 requesting that Liberty Day be celebrated each year  
4 throughout the United States as a remembrance of both the  
5 freedom that Americans are given in the declaration of  
6 independence and the extraordinary rights and liberties that  
7 Americans are given in their constitution; and

8 WHEREAS, the lion's clubs of New Mexico have printed  
9 booklets containing the declaration of independence and the  
10 United States constitution for distribution to students  
11 throughout the state;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 16, 2005 be proclaimed

14 "Liberty Day". \_\_\_\_\_

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