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HOUSE MEMORIAL 8

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 7, 2007 AS "YMCA DAY AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

WHEREAS, for over nine decades, the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs has brought a special dimension to community life; and

WHEREAS, over eight thousand families benefit directly each year from the YMCA's extensive programming for all ages and interest groups, from toddler activities to teen programs to fitness and wellness opportunities for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, over thirty-three thousand youths benefit each year from programs such as YMCA after-school care, child care, YMCA basketball, YMCA volleyball, character counts, youth and government, YES Corps, counselor-in-training, YMCA summer camp, teen programs, Camp Shaver and many other fine programs; and

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1 WHEREAS, over one thousand individuals volunteer at the
2 YMCA each year, making the YMCA one of New Mexico's largest
3 organizations that is volunteer-led and volunteer-driven; and

4 WHEREAS, the YMCA is governed by a local volunteer board
5 of directors who give generously of their time, money and
6 effort in order that the state's residents may grow as
7 responsible members of their families and communities; develop
8 self-confidence and self-respect, as well as an awareness of
9 the rights and worth of every individual; appreciate that
10 physical and mental health are divine gifts that should be
11 maintained through physical fitness and spiritual growth; and
12 develop and use their capacities for leadership; and

13 WHEREAS, the YMCA's ability to foster these goals depends
14 wholly upon continued community support, partially through the
15 united way fund, but also through the YMCA's memberships and
16 program support, and through expansion, such as the new youth
17 and family gymnasium in Los Alamos and the renovation of two
18 YMCA branches, as well as a proposed new westside branch YMCA
19 in Albuquerque;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 7,
22 2007 be declared "YMCA Day at the House of Representatives" in
23 recognition of the important role that the YMCA plays in
24 providing community programs throughout central and northern
25 New Mexico.

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