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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 41

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

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007, AS "4-H AND FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, 4-H youth development and future farmers of America programs have been the premier youth leadership programs in New Mexico for more than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H youth development and future farmers of America programs sponsor chapters and clubs in rural and urban areas throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, over ninety thousand youths between the ages of five and twenty-one participate in the 4-H youth development and future farmers of America programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, 4-H youth development and future farmers of America programs are diverse, emphasizing thirty-five life skills, including leadership, responsible citizenship, critical

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1 thinking, problem solving, decision-making, conflict  
2 resolution, respecting others and effective communication,  
3 which directly contribute to the successful transition of young  
4 people into productive adults; and

5 WHEREAS, 4-H youth development and future farmers of  
6 America programs are involved in partnerships throughout New  
7 Mexico with volunteer efforts involving almost six thousand  
8 adult volunteers contributing over two hundred sixty-eight  
9 thousand hours of volunteer service to the youth of the state,  
10 which service, if it were provided by paid staff, would have  
11 cost almost five million dollars (\$5,000,000); and

12 WHEREAS, 4-H youth and future farmers of America  
13 participants reported that being a part of those organizations  
14 gave them greater confidence and positive self-identity; gave  
15 them greater control over events in their lives by enabling  
16 them to make decisions on their own, set goals and take  
17 responsibility for their actions; and gave them pride and a  
18 sense of purpose and meaning in life;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Thursday, February 15, 2007, be  
21 declared "4-H and Future Farmers of America Day" at the  
22 legislature; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to New Mexico's 4-H youth development and future  
25 farmers of America organizations.

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