

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 19, 2009 AS "AG DAY" IN THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, American agriculture serves all people in this state, nation and world by producing healthy, wholesome, safe and abundant food and fiber to provide nourishment, clothing and other necessities of life; and

WHEREAS, America's number one industry, agriculture, provides twenty-three million jobs in the United States and is the number one export and single largest contributor to the nation's net trade balance; and

WHEREAS, each individual American farmer, rancher and dairyman is responsible for providing food or fiber for nearly one hundred forty-four other people; and

WHEREAS, today's modern ranchers, farmers and dairymen uphold the vibrant custom, culture and tradition of agriculture and rural economies, while constantly adopting new advances in science and technology to meet ever-changing consumer needs and desires; and

WHEREAS, thoughtful practices and careful stewardship of America's and New Mexico's natural and agricultural resources provide healthy and sustainable environments and abundant wildlife populations while at the same time providing proper nutrition for healthy citizens and ensuring a secure food

supply; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico agriculture is a major contributor to the state's economy with receipts of nearly three billion dollars (\$3,000,000,000) a year and assets of well over twelve billion dollars (\$12,000,000,000); and

WHEREAS, New Mexico agriculture will be providing a beef, bean, lamb, chile, tortilla, salad, milk, cheese, ice cream and peanut dinner for the entire roundhouse this evening;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 19, 2009 be declared as "Ag Day" in the house of representatives.