

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 19, 2009 AS "AG DAY" IN THE NEW MEXICO
3 SENATE.

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

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

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

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

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

1 supply; and

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

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

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 19, 2009 be declared as "Ag
12 Day" in the senate. _____

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