

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 56

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

INTRODUCED BY

Jimmie C. Hall

A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 19, 2009 AS "FFA AND 4-H DAY" AT THE
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H have been premier youth leadership
organizations in New Mexico for more than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H sponsor chapters and clubs in rural
and urban areas throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, over ninety thousand youth between the ages of
five and twenty-one years old participate in FFA and 4-H youth
development programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H youth development programs are
diverse and help participants acquire important life skills,
including leadership, responsible citizenship, critical
thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, conflict resolution
and communication skills, that directly contribute to the

.176636.1

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 successful transition of young people into productive adults;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H participants report having greater
4 confidence and a more positive self-identity, stating that they
5 have greater control over events in their lives and a better
6 ability to make decisions on their own, set goals and take
7 responsibility for their actions, and that there are many
8 things in which they can take pride and their lives have
9 purpose and meaning;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition of the contributions
12 of FFA and 4-H to the state, February 19, 2009 be declared "FFA
13 and 4-H Day" at the legislature; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to New Mexico state university's FFA and 4-H youth
16 development organizations.