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

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DECLARING FEBRUARY 23, 2009 AS "YMCA DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

WHEREAS, more than eight thousand two hundred 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, more than thirty-four 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

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1 camp, teen programs, Camp Shaver and many other fine programs;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, more than one thousand two hundred individuals  
4 volunteer at the YMCA each year, making the YMCA one of New  
5 Mexico's largest organizations that is volunteer-led and  
6 volunteer-driven; and

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

16 WHEREAS, the YMCA's ability to foster these goals depends  
17 wholly upon continued community support, partially through the  
18 United Way fund, but also through the YMCA's memberships and  
19 program support and through expansion, such as the new teen  
20 technology and recreation center in Espanola and the renovation  
21 and remodeling of two YMCA branches as well as a proposed new  
22 westside branch YMCA in Albuquerque;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 23,  
25 2009 be declared "YMCA Day" at the house of representatives in

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1 recognition of the important role that the YMCA plays in  
2 providing community programs throughout central and northern  
3 New Mexico.

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