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SENATE MEMORIAL 98

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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1 and rural economies, while constantly adopting new advances in  
2 science and technology to meet ever-changing consumer needs and  
3 desires; and

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

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

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

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