

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 2, 2011 "LAS ESPERANZAS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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4 WHEREAS, Las Esperanzas, incorporated, is a neighborhood
5 nonprofit organization whose mission is to facilitate the
6 preservation, revitalization and protection of the Mesquite
7 street-original townsite historic district; and

8 WHEREAS, before it was a street, Mesquite street was
9 part of El Camino Real; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1847, Pablo Melendrez used a rawhide rope to
11 lay out a grid that would become Las Cruces; and

12 WHEREAS, the grid was thirteen blocks long and six
13 blocks wide and was divided among the settling families,
14 whose decendants still live in the historic district; and

15 WHEREAS, with the assistance of the New Mexico
16 legislature and countless volunteers, the historic district
17 now has Jardin de Mesquite park, Jardin de Esperanzas
18 community garden, Entrada del Sol park and a refurbished
19 Klein park; and

20 WHEREAS, the neighborhood is now adorned with decorative
21 light fixtures with historic medallions; and

22 WHEREAS, working in partnership with CARTA, the historic
23 district has had its history returned to it and was recently
24 designated by the national trails system as part of the El
25 Camino Real de Tierra Adentro;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 2, 2011 be declared "Las
3 Esperanzas Day" in the senate; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congratulations be extended
5 to the Mesquite street-original townsite historic district
6 and Las Esperanzas, incorporated, for their successful
7 efforts to preserve, revitalize and protect the historic
8 district; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
10 transmitted to Las Esperanzas, incorporated. _____

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