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SENATE MEMORIAL 61

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE RICH CULTURAL HISTORY OF ALBUQUERQUE'S SOUTH VALLEY AND DECLARING MARCH 3, 2011 "SOUTH VALLEY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the South Valley of Albuquerque is home to some of New Mexico's earliest settlements and remains the heart and soul of the "Land of Enchantment" to this day; and

WHEREAS, the South Valley has made rich historical, cultural, political and agricultural contributions to the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the South Valley remains true to its original character as a self-sustaining farming community nourished by acequias and the Rio Grande, despite its proximity to New Mexico's largest city; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of New Mexicans proudly call
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1 the South Valley home, living and working in and near the
2 communities established long before the town of Albuquerque was
3 established: Armijo, Pajarito, Atrisco and Los Padillas and the
4 Atrisco land grant, the first of more than three hundred land
5 grants in what would become New Mexico and the first in what
6 would become the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, the South Valley now includes the culturally
8 interesting and diverse neighborhoods of San Jose, Barelvas,
9 Vecinos del Bosque, Adobe Acres, Valley Gardens, Five Points
10 and Mountain View; and

11 WHEREAS, many of the families living in the South Valley
12 today can trace their roots to the families that settled the
13 area centuries ago; and

14 WHEREAS, the South Valley is home to the national Hispanic
15 cultural center; the South Broadway cultural center; the Rio
16 Grande zoo; Rio Grande high school, home of the Ravens; and
17 Albuquerque public schools' newest high school, Atrisco
18 heritage high school, home of the Jaguars; and

19 WHEREAS, the South Valley has provided New Mexico with
20 some of its most influential political leaders such as the
21 Aragon and United States Senators Dennis Chavez and Clinton P.
22 Anderson; cultural leaders such as poet Jimmy Santiago Baca,
23 actors Patrice Martinez and Vivian Vance, author Rudolfo Anaya
24 and musicians Liz Melendez, Roberto Jose Griego and Eddie
25 Dimas; athletes such as mixed martial arts trainer Greg Jackson

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1 and boxer Bobby Foster; military leaders such as Orlando Eli
2 Sanchez; and craftsmen and artists such as the Pimentel family;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, archaeological evidence indicates that the first
5 pueblo builders entered the valley more than six hundred years
6 ago, as the sites of at least five pueblo Indian communities
7 have been identified in the valley south of Central avenue and
8 north of the Pueblo of Isleta; and

9 WHEREAS, the South Valley today is the site of the
10 historical Gutierrez-Hubbell house, Armijo school and Tingley
11 beach; and

12 WHEREAS, Isleta boulevard, which has been described as the
13 oldest continuously used highway in North America, existing
14 first as the Camino Real and later as part of United States
15 route 66, runs through the South Valley and was first traveled
16 in the 1500s by some members of the expeditions of Francisco
17 Vasquez de Coronado and Juan de Onate;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that the South Valley be honored and recognized
20 for its unique contributions to the state of New Mexico and
21 that March 3, 2011 be declared "South Valley Day" in the
22 senate.