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HOUSE MEMORIAL 40

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT FEBRUARY 8, 2012 BE DECLARED "SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE OF YMCAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, for over ten decades, New Mexico's alliance of young men's Christian associations, also known as YMCA, have strengthened the foundations of community through programs and services that foster youth development, healthy living and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, more New Mexicans are turning to their YMCA to become healthier and to support their desire to live a healthier lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, more than eight thousand eight hundred families benefit directly each year from the extensive programming for all ages and interest groups, from toddler activities to teen programs to fitness and wellness opportunities for senior

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1 citizens, offered by their YMCAs; and

2 WHEREAS, more than seven thousand seven hundred youth
3 benefit each year from programs such as YMCA after-school care,
4 Y basketball, Y volleyball, character counts!, youth and
5 government, YES corps, counselor-in-training, Y summer camp,
6 teen programs and teen centers, Camp Shaver and many other
7 character-building and youth-development programs; and

8 WHEREAS, more than one thousand nine hundred individuals
9 volunteer at YMCAs each year, making the YMCA one of the
10 largest volunteer-led and -driven organizations in New Mexico;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the YMCA is governed by a local volunteer board
13 of directors who give generously of their time, money and
14 effort so that residents of New Mexico, as responsible members
15 of their families and communities, may develop self-confidence,
16 self-respect and an awareness of the rights and worth of every
17 individual; may appreciate that physical and mental health are
18 divine gifts that should be maintained through healthy living
19 and spiritual growth; and may develop and use their capacities
20 for leadership; and

21 WHEREAS, the YMCA's ability to remain available to
22 everyone, regardless of ability to pay, depends wholly upon
23 continued community support, partially through supporters like
24 united way, but also through YMCA memberships and program
25 support and through new construction, expansion and renovation,

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1 most recently in Española, Los Alamos, Albuquerque, Rio Rancho
2 and Clovis;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition
5 of the important role that the YMCA plays in providing
6 community programs and support to youth, families and adults
7 throughout New Mexico, February 8, 2012 be declared "Support
8 the New Mexico Alliance of YMCAs Day" in the house of
9 representatives; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the governor.