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HOUSE MEMORIAL 58

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

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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE DEEP CULTURAL IMPORTANCE OF THE MATANZA.

WHEREAS, a matanza is a traditional and cultural family and community event and includes the preparing of livestock for human consumption; and

WHEREAS, matanzas have been held annually, typically during the winter months, for over four hundred years and have deep cultural meaning within the Hispanic community in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the original purpose of a matanza was to harvest livestock meat and lard for the community; and

WHEREAS, over time, the matanza grew to be a social event that transcended its original purpose of feeding the community; and

WHEREAS, today, the matanza's purpose is to preserve and

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1 maintain the lifelong bonds of immediate and extended family;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the deep  
4 cultural importance of the matanza be recognized; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the governor, the members of the New Mexico  
7 congressional delegation, the Valencia county Hispano chamber  
8 of commerce and the appropriate interim legislative committee.

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