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SENATE MEMORIAL 9

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 24, 2012 "FOODCORPS AND AMERICORPS DAY" AT
THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, limited access to good, nutritious food has become a barrier to health, resulting in a combined percentage of overweight or obese children that includes thirty and three-tenths percent of kindergarten students and thirty-eight and seven-tenths percent of third grade students in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, one-third of New Mexico's thirty-three counties have been designated as having limited food access, with rural families traveling up to one hundred forty miles round-trip to reach a grocery store; and

WHEREAS, this detriment to the health of New Mexico's children serves as a call to action, and residents have stepped up to meet this challenge through the national service program

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1 AmeriCorps and its newest grant recipient, FoodCorps; and

2 WHEREAS, FoodCorps aims to produce a measurably healthier
3 school food environment and serves as a resource to researchers
4 across the school food field in an effort to combat childhood
5 obesity; and

6 WHEREAS, FoodCorps service members work to improve
7 nutrition education, engagement with gardens and access to
8 healthy food in order to achieve the larger goal established by
9 First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move initiative to reduce
10 national childhood obesity rates to below five percent by 2030;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, to achieve this goal, in its inaugural year,
13 FoodCorps has built or expanded one hundred thirty-seven garden
14 projects, donated over four thousand pounds of garden produce,
15 engaged two hundred forty-five new community volunteers and
16 reached twenty-five thousand eight hundred fifty-six school
17 children in New Mexico and across the United States;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that January 24, 2012 be declared "FoodCorps and
20 AmeriCorps Day" at the senate and that residents be urged to
21 thank FoodCorps and AmeriCorps members for their service and to
22 find ways to improve children's health through increased food
23 access in New Mexico; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the executive directors of FoodCorps and

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