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SENATE MEMORIAL 31

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

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 1, 2012 "CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, nearly one hundred children in New Mexico are diagnosed with cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico was established in 1972 to help children with cancer and their families as they face the day-to-day struggle of living with and fighting cancer; and

WHEREAS, most children in New Mexico must travel to Albuquerque for cancer treatments; and

WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico focuses its efforts here in New Mexico, benefiting local children and families; and

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1 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
2 maintains a direct presence at the university of New Mexico's
3 pediatric oncology clinic, offering financial and emotional
4 support to families; and

5 WHEREAS, the organization supports New Mexico families by
6 providing them with grocery and food vouchers and emergency
7 expense assistance for transportation and living costs while
8 their children receive cancer treatment; and

9 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico strives
10 to fill the gap left by insurance coverage and other charitable
11 organizations by granting special requests made by families;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico works to
14 improve the environment for children while they are receiving
15 treatment and provides playroom supplies, snacks and toys to
16 make clinic visits and painful treatments and procedures more
17 pleasant; and

18 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico provides
19 end-of-life and funeral assistance to families in need; and

20 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico will
21 assist over one thousand persons this year, extending a helping
22 hand to all children being treated for cancer in New Mexico and
23 their families; and

24 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico provides
25 scholarship assistance to former childhood cancer patients to

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1 help them achieve their dreams;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that the children's cancer fund of New Mexico be
4 recognized for the difference it makes in the lives of families
5 facing childhood cancer; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 1, 2012 be declared
7 "Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the children's cancer fund of New Mexico.