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SENATE MEMORIAL 71

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

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012 "SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE OF YMCAS DAY" IN THE NEW MEXICO SENATE.

WHEREAS, for over ten decades, the New Mexico state alliance of YMCAs, also known as the "Y", has 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 Y to become healthier and to support them in their desire to live healthier lifestyles; and

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

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1 Mexico's senior citizens; and

2 WHEREAS, more than seven thousand seven hundred youths
3 benefit each year from programs such as Y after-school care, Y
4 basketball, Y volleyball, character counts!, youth and
5 government, yes corp, 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 the Y each year, making New Mexico's Y one of the
10 largest volunteer-led and -driven organizations in New Mexico;
11 and

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

21 WHEREAS, the Y's ability to be available to everyone,
22 regardless of ability to pay, depends wholly upon continued
23 community support, partially through supporters like the united
24 way, but also through Y memberships and program support, and
25 through expansion, such as the Espanola teen center, the new

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1 Los Alamos teen center, a newly enlarged facility in Los
2 Alamos, the renovation and expansion of two branches in
3 Albuquerque, new branches in Albuquerque and Rio Rancho and a
4 new Y facility in Clovis;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that Wednesday, February 8, 2012 be proclaimed
7 "Support the New Mexico Alliance of YMCAs Day" in the New
8 Mexico senate in recognition of the important role that the Y
9 plays in providing community programs and support to youth,
10 families and adults throughout New Mexico.