

1 A MEMORIAL

2 CELEBRATING THE FFA YOUTH ORGANIZATION; DECLARING JANUARY 27,  
3 2016 "FFA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, FFA, formerly future farmers of America, has  
6 been a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico  
7 for more than eighty years; and

8 WHEREAS, FFA sponsors chapters in rural and urban areas  
9 throughout the state; and

10 WHEREAS, more than three thousand six hundred youths  
11 between twelve and twenty-one years of age participate in FFA  
12 youth development programs statewide; and

13 WHEREAS, FFA youth development programs are diverse and  
14 help participants to acquire important life skills, such as  
15 leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking,  
16 problem solving, decision-making, conflict resolution and  
17 communication skills, that directly contribute to the  
18 successful transition of young people into productive adults;  
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20 WHEREAS, FFA participants report having more confidence  
21 and positive self-identity, greater control in their lives  
22 and a better ability to make decisions independently; and

23 WHEREAS, FFA participants also report that they set  
24 goals and take responsibility for their actions, they take  
25 pride in many things and their lives have purpose and

1 meaning;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in  
4 recognition of the contribution of the FFA to the state,  
5 January 27, 2016 be declared "FFA Day" in the house of  
6 representatives; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to New Mexico's FFA organization.

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