## A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE FFA YOUTH ORGANIZATION; DECLARING FEBRUARY 22, 2017 "FFA DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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

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

WHEREAS, more than five thousand youths between twelve and twenty-one years of age participate in FFA youth development programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, FFA youth development programs are diverse and help participants to acquire important life skills, such as leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking, problem solving, decision-making, conflict resolution and communication skills, that directly contribute to the successful transition of young people into productive adults; and

WHEREAS, FFA participants report having more confidence and positive self-identity, greater control in their lives and a better ability to make decisions independently; and

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

1	meaning;	
2	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE	
3	STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition of the contribution	
4	of the FFA to the state, February 22, 2017 be declared	
5	"FFA Day" in the senate; and	
6	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be	
7	transmitted to New Mexico's FFA organization	SM 11
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