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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 12, 2018 "ROADRUNNER FOOD BANK OF  
NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the struggle with hunger is an ongoing crisis  
in New Mexico, one of the most poverty-stricken states in the  
nation; and

WHEREAS, the latest "map the meal gap" report shows that  
among all states, New Mexico ranks second for childhood  
hunger and seventh in overall hunger; and

WHEREAS, one in four children in New Mexico is at risk  
of hunger; and

WHEREAS, the map the meal gap in New Mexico shows that  
more than sixty-three million meals are missing from the  
plates of people in need; and

WHEREAS, nearly ninety percent of hungry household  
residents have annual incomes of less than twenty thousand  
dollars (\$20,000); and

WHEREAS, roadrunner food bank of New Mexico, one of two  
hundred feeding America member food banks, is the largest  
nonprofit organization dedicated to solving hunger in  
New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, roadrunner food bank of New Mexico serves as a  
distribution hub and provides food to hundreds of affiliated  
partners around the state, including food pantries, soup

1 kitchens, shelters and regional food banks; and

2 WHEREAS, roadrunner food bank of New Mexico also  
3 distributes food through its own specialized programs that  
4 help children, families, seniors and clients experiencing  
5 chronic disease related to nutrition at schools, low-income  
6 senior housing sites, senior centers and other health care  
7 clinics; and

8 WHEREAS, last year, roadrunner food bank of New Mexico  
9 distributed over thirty-two million pounds of food, or  
10 twenty-six million meals, to help seventy thousand hungry  
11 people every week through a statewide hunger-relief network;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, most of the food distributed by roadrunner food  
14 bank of New Mexico comes from food rescue efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, food rescue captures unsalable food from the  
16 food industry, including grocery stores, food manufacturers,  
17 growers and others; and

18 WHEREAS, nearly thirteen thousand volunteers perform  
19 over fifty-five thousand hours of service at roadrunner food  
20 bank of New Mexico; and

21 WHEREAS, about thirty percent of food distributed is  
22 produce, allowing roadrunner food bank of New Mexico to  
23 provide nutritious food to at-risk populations for whom  
24 produce is often unaffordable due to limited incomes; and

25 WHEREAS, roadrunner food bank of New Mexico engages in

1 other programs such as job training; and

2 WHEREAS, a rooftop solar array provides the majority of  
3 the energy needs for the building that houses roadrunner food  
4 bank of New Mexico;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12, 2018 be declared  
7 "Roadrunner Food Bank of New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the president of roadrunner food bank of  
10 New Mexico.

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