

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2019 "NEW MEXICO RURAL ELECTRIC
3 COOPERATIVE DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico's eighteen rural distribution,
6 generation and transmission cooperatives provide electric
7 power to eighty percent of the land area of New Mexico and to
8 twenty-two percent of New Mexicans, while more than forty-two
9 million people across the country are members of one thousand
10 electric cooperatives in forty-seven states; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives deliver
12 and sustain quality-of-life energy and are leaders in energy
13 conservation programs, including electric vehicle charging
14 efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives are
16 leaders in renewable energy, already exceeding the 2020
17 renewable portfolio standard requirement levels by ten
18 percent, while providing more than thirty percent of their
19 energy from solar, wind and hydroelectric power; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives employ
21 more than eight hundred fifty New Mexicans and provide over
22 sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) in annual payroll, and
23 are a cornerstone of the economy of rural New Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives have
25 invested over one billion three hundred million dollars

1 (\$1,300,000,000) in electric plants and more than forty-six
2 thousand miles of distribution lines, serving an average of
3 four and five-tenths customers per mile; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives have
5 provided over twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) in higher
6 educational scholarships to more than eight thousand nine
7 hundred New Mexico students over the past thirty years; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives are
9 active, engaged and leaders in their communities; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives provide
11 educational scholarships and participate in the national
12 government-in-action youth tour by sending students from New
13 Mexico to Washington, D.C., to see how government works and
14 learn about the importance of electric cooperatives; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico rural electric cooperatives are
16 utilizing new technologies that help to ensure affordable and
17 reliable electricity, including broadband service to
18 underserved areas in their service territories, thereby
19 helping to connect rural New Mexico and stimulate economic
20 development;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,
23 2019 be declared "New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Day"
24 in the house of representatives; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that rural electric cooperatives

1 be acknowledged for their immeasurable contributions,
2 economic impact and commitment to rural electrification in
3 New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the governor and the chief executive officer
6 and president of the New Mexico rural electric cooperative
7 association. _____

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