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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 20, 2025 "EXCELLENCE IN RIO RANCHO DAY" IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the city of Rio Rancho began as a retirement
community called Rio Rancho estates in the early 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the city of Rio Rancho became an incorporated
municipality in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Rio Rancho is the third-largest city in New
Mexico, now with a population of more than one hundred ten
thousand residents; and

WHEREAS, Rio Rancho is the fastest-growing city in New
Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Rio Rancho has experienced significant economic
growth, with median household incomes increasing from fifty-
four thousand dollars (\$54,000) in 2020 to more than eighty-

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1 five thousand dollars (\$85,000) in 2024; and

2 WHEREAS, Rio Rancho is nationally recognized as one of the
3 safest cities in New Mexico and among the safest in the
4 southwest, based on crime rates and community surveys; and

5 WHEREAS, Rio Rancho boasts a top-rated public school
6 district, the Rio Rancho public school district, which is
7 celebrating thirty years of quality education for the community
8 in 2025; and

9 WHEREAS, Rio Rancho has been recognized in several
10 prominent publications for its livability and family-friendly
11 environment, including:

12 A. Livability.com: Rio Rancho was featured in the
13 "Top 100 Best Places To Live in the U.S.", highlighting its
14 affordable housing, excellent schools and abundant outdoor
15 activities;

16 B. Fortune magazine: Rio Rancho ranked thirty-
17 fifth in Fortune's "Best Places To Live For Families",
18 emphasizing its developing economy, tourism sector and numerous
19 parks and trails;

20 C. Money magazine: Rio Rancho has been recognized
21 multiple times as one of Money's "Best Places To Live in
22 America"; and

23 D. 24/7 Wall Street: Rio Rancho was featured on
24 its list of "America's 50 Best Cities To Live", citing
25 exceptional public schools and crime rates well below the

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1 national average; and

2 WHEREAS, Rio Rancho has a growing business community that
3 includes innovators in many industries, such as Intel,
4 Lectrosonics, Insight lighting, Aeroparts manufacturing,
5 Aersale component solutions, Green Theme technologies, NTX
6 Nature's toolbox, Stainless motors, Presbyterian Rust medical
7 center and other prominent businesses, and is home to the
8 university of New Mexico health sciences' advanced center of
9 excellence for orthopaedic surgery and rehabilitation; and

10 WHEREAS, Rio Rancho continues to lead in education with an
11 excellent public school district and expansive higher education
12 opportunities at the university of New Mexico health sciences
13 center, central New Mexico community college and New Mexico
14 highlands university; and

15 WHEREAS, through all of its innovation and growth, Rio
16 Rancho can truly be called "the city of vision";

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 20,
19 2025 be declared "Excellence in Rio Rancho Day" in the house of
20 representatives; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the mayor of Rio Rancho, members of the Rio
23 Rancho city council, the Rio Rancho city manager and the
24 president and chief executive officer of the Rio Rancho
25 regional chamber of commerce.

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