1	SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 63
2	49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	RECOGNIZING MARCH 6, 2009 AS "GREATER ESPANOLA VALLEY DAY" AT
12	THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.
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14	WHEREAS, the Espanola valley lies nestled in both Rio
15	Arriba and Santa Fe counties, is surrounded by the Pueblo of
16	Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh and has a vigorous tricultural
17	history; and
18	WHEREAS, 1998 marked the four hundredth anniversary of
19	Hispanic influence in the Espanola valley, commencing in 1598
20	with the first Spanish settlement in Nuevo Mexico and the
21	opening of the trade route known as El Camino Real, running
22	from Mexico to Ohkay Owingeh; and
23	WHEREAS, the legislature honors and promotes cultural
24	diversity, including the strong Hispanic culture and traditions
25	that can be found throughout New Mexico; and
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WHEREAS, the city of Espanola and the counties of Rio Arriba and Santa Fe exemplify cultural diversity and deeprooted Hispanic traditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 6, 2009 be recognized as "Greater Espanola Valley Day" at the New Mexico legislature, honoring the entire Espanola valley for its diversity of culture and long-standing Hispanic traditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to Walter Dasheno, governor of the Pueblo of Santa Clara; Marcelino Aquino, governor of Ohkay Owingeh; Felipe Martinez, chair of the Rio Arriba county commission; Joseph Maestas, mayor of the city of Espanola; and Archie Vigil, mayor of the village of Chama.

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