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HOUSE MEMORIAL 11

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 24, 2012 "DISABILITY RIGHTS AWARENESS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; URGING THE GOVERNOR, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE THE DIGNITY AND VALUE OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES AND TO BE AWARE OF BULLYING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONCERNS THAT AFFECT THE DISABLED.

WHEREAS, thousands of New Mexicans live with disabilities and they are recognized as productive and valuable members of the state; and

WHEREAS, many people living with disabilities desire to be more productive and independent in their lives and recognize that gaining meaningful employment is a means to achieving independence and dignity; and

WHEREAS, bullying and domestic violence prevention are

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1 important issues among people living with disabilities; and

2 WHEREAS, bullying and domestic violence awareness have  
3 become important issues among the residents of New Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, according to the mission statement of the  
5 university of New Mexico center for development and disability,  
6 the full inclusion of individuals living with disabilities and  
7 their families into their communities involves engaging these  
8 individuals in making life choices, partnering with communities  
9 to build resources and improving systems of care; and

10 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the residents of New  
11 Mexico to have a state government and legislature that is  
12 informed on the issues faced by those in the disabled  
13 community;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor,  
16 members of the executive branch and members of the house of  
17 representatives be urged to recognize the value and dignity of  
18 those people living with disabilities; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents of New Mexico be  
20 urged to become aware of the issues of bullying and domestic  
21 violence that affect the residents of New Mexico who are living  
22 with disabilities; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 24, 2012 be declared  
24 "Disability Rights Awareness Day" in the house of  
25 representatives; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
2 transmitted to the governor, all cabinet secretaries and the  
3 executive director of the New Mexico developmental disabilities  
4 planning council.

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