

A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE FFA YOUTH ORGANIZATION; DECLARING FEBRUARY 14, 2013 "FFA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, FFA, formerly future farmers of America, has been a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico for more than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, FFA sponsors chapters in rural and urban areas throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, more than five thousand youths between twelve and twenty-one years of age participate in FFA youth development programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, FFA youth development programs are diverse and help participants to acquire important life skills, such as leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking, problem solving, decision-making, conflict resolution and communication skills, that directly contribute to the successful transition of young people into productive adults; and

WHEREAS, FFA participants report having more confidence and positive self-identity, greater control in their lives and a better ability to make decisions independently; and

WHEREAS, those participants also report that they set goals and take responsibility for their actions, they take pride in many things and their lives have purpose and meaning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition of the contribution of FFA to the state, February 14, 2013 be declared "FFA Day" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to New Mexico's FFA organization.