

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 13, 2013 "AUTISM DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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4 WHEREAS, one of every eighty-eight children born this
5 year will be later diagnosed as having an autism spectrum
6 disorder; and

7 WHEREAS, autism affects people of all races and
8 religions and all educational and economic levels; and

9 WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong condition that presents
10 challenges to education, employment, housing and community
11 participation; and

12 WHEREAS, parents, professionals and volunteers devote
13 countless hours to improve the quality of life of individuals
14 who have autism; and

15 WHEREAS, early intervention, evidence-based practices
16 and proven supports greatly improve the outcomes and reduce
17 the lifelong costs of care of people who have autism; and

18 WHEREAS, the New Mexico chapter of the autism society
19 of America advocates and works for better state and federal
20 legislation to assist individuals with autism and their
21 families; and

22 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico recognizes the valuable
23 contributions to our communities, businesses, technologies
24 and cultures made by people with autism;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico chapter of the autism
2 society of America be recognized and that February 13, 2013
3 be declared "Autism Day" in the senate; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the New Mexico chapter of the autism society of
6 America.

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