HOUSE MEMORIAL 23

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE GROWING PREVALENCE OF AUTISM; DECLARING

FEBRUARY 13, 2013 "AUTISM DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, one of every eighty-eight children born this year

will eventually be diagnosed as having an autism spectrum

disorder; and

WHEREAS, autism affects equally people of all races,

religions and educational and economic levels; and

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong condition that presents

challenges in education, employment, housing and community

participation; and

WHEREAS, parents, professionals and volunteers devote

countless hours to improve the quality of life of people with

autism; and

WHEREAS, early intervention, evidence-based practices and

proven supports greatly improve the lives of people with autism
and reduce the lifelong costs of their care; and

WHEREAS, people with autism make valuable contributions to
the communities, businesses, technologies and cultures of the
state; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico chapter of the autism society of
America advocates for state and federal legislation that
supports people with autism and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the people who
devote time to helping those with autism and the New Mexico
chapter of the autism society of America be recognized for
their efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 13, 2013 be declared
"Autism Day" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the New Mexico chapter of the autism society of
America.

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