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51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE THE THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY AS
"CELTIC HERITAGE DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, people from the Celtic seven nations, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, Isle of Man, Brittany and Galicia, settled in New Mexico and have made important contributions to the state; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and study of Celtic culture, including sports, music, art, history, folklore, dance and literature, enriches the lives of the residents of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande valley Celtic festival, held the third weekend in May, celebrates traditional Celtic activities, such as Highland games, also known as heavy athletics, dance, bagpiping, music, rugby, a Celtic dog exhibition and the

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1 gathering of people from the seven nations for cultural
2 exchange; and

3 WHEREAS, the twenty-fifth annual Rio Grande valley Celtic
4 festival has been selected to host the masters world
5 championship, which will bring male and female athletes age
6 forty and above from all over the world to compete in these
7 traditional games of strength and skill on May 18, 2013; and

8 WHEREAS Celtic traditions are a part of the American
9 landscape and culture, and today's Celtic Americans continue to
10 strive to preserve and perpetuate this unique segment of
11 America's heritage;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be
14 requested to designate the third Saturday in May as "Celtic
15 Heritage Day" in New Mexico; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the governor and the mayor of Albuquerque.