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A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 12, 2015 "SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, land, water and other resources are the basic physical assets of New Mexico, and their conservation and development are necessary to protect and promote the health and general welfare of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is experiencing severe drought that is affecting water supplies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico watersheds face over-vegetation and other challenges that affect water yields; and

WHEREAS, endangered species and interstate compact issues are complicating water shortage issues; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's forty-seven soil and water conservation districts have applied these measures to conserve and develop the natural resources of the state for over fifty years by "putting conservation on the ground"; and

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts are organized and perpetuated by the provisions of the Soil and Water Conservation District Act and are governmental subdivisions of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12, 2015 be proclaimed "Soil and Water Conservation District Day" at the legislature and that recognition be extended to the men and women who serve to protect the fragile environment that is crucial to