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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 16, 2017 "YMCA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, for over one hundred one years, the New Mexico state alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of communities in New Mexico through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility programs; and

WHEREAS, more and more New Mexicans are turning to their local YMCA for education and support on nutrition and for programs to help manage diabetes and other chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, nearly twenty-six thousand individuals benefit directly each year from the YMCA's extensive programs for all ages and abilities, including early childhood education, job-readiness programs for teens and health and wellness support for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, nearly eleven thousand three hundred youth benefit each year from various programs, including YMCA after-school enrichment, youth-in-government, developmental sports, teen centers and programs that connect youth to the outdoors, such as earth service corps and camp Shaver; and

WHEREAS, almost one thousand four hundred individuals volunteer at YMCAs each year, donating thousands of hours of time and expertise, making the YMCA one of the largest

1 volunteer-driven and volunteer-led organizations in New  
2 Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, each YMCA is a 501(c)(3) charitable  
4 organization governed by a local volunteer board whose  
5 directors give generously of their time and money because  
6 they believe that, every day, the YMCA is working to meet the  
7 most pressing needs in their communities, from addressing  
8 health and education disparities to providing critical  
9 services and support to underserved populations; and

10 WHEREAS, over six hundred sixty thousand dollars  
11 (\$660,000) has been awarded in financial aid so that anyone,  
12 regardless of ability to pay, can participate in the YMCA  
13 through financial aid programs supported by donations to the  
14 annual campaign from YMCA members, community members and  
15 community partners;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 16,  
18 2017 be declared "YMCA Day" in the house of representatives  
19 in recognition of the important role that the YMCA plays in  
20 providing community programs and support to youth, families  
21 and adults throughout New Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs.