

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 8, 2017 "FLORENCE JARAMILLO DAY" IN THE HOUSE
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, the month of March is national women's history
6 month; and

7 WHEREAS, women in New Mexico have, and continue to make,
8 significant contributions to improving life in the state and
9 outside New Mexico's borders; and

10 WHEREAS, more than one-half of the restaurants in this
11 country have women as owners or co-owners; and

12 WHEREAS, according to statistics from the New Mexico
13 restaurant association, restaurants accounted for
14 eighty-seven thousand jobs in New Mexico and eleven percent
15 of the employment in the state; and

16 WHEREAS, restaurants employ more minority and female
17 managers than any other industry in the state; and

18 WHEREAS, one New Mexico female restaurateur stands out
19 for her contributions to the state's restaurant industry by
20 creating jobs, paying wages and being a positive force in her
21 community; and

22 WHEREAS, Florence Jaramillo had a vision for a
23 restaurant that would preserve the rich traditions of her
24 family and proud culture leading to the birth of Rancho de
25 Chimayo; and

1 WHEREAS, Rancho de Chimayo was honored as one of New
2 Mexico's culinary treasures, one of only a handful of
3 restaurants awarded this wonderful distinction; and

4 WHEREAS, Florence Jaramillo and Rancho de Chimayo
5 received the James Beard foundation America's classics award
6 for excellence and achievement in the culinary field and
7 furthered the foundation's mission to celebrate, nurture and
8 honor America's diverse heritage through programs that
9 educate and inspire; and

10 WHEREAS, Florence Jaramillo and Rancho de Chimayo have
11 stood the test of time and are beloved in the community and
12 throughout New Mexico and beyond; and

13 WHEREAS, Florence Jaramillo, also known as Mrs. J to her
14 customers, friends, family and staff, is legendary for her
15 original gastronomic creations, warm hospitality and integral
16 role in bringing New Mexico cuisine into the international
17 spotlight; and

18 WHEREAS, Florence served on the national restaurant
19 association board of directors for many years, representing
20 New Mexico restaurants;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 8, 2017
23 be declared "Florence Jaramillo Day" in the house of
24 representatives; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Florence Jaramillo be

1 recognized for her many contributions to the New Mexico
2 restaurant industry and the celebration of fifty-plus years
3 of being a family-owned New Mexico institution; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to Florence Jaramillo and her family, and the
6 management team and staff at Rancho de Chimayo.

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