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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE FFA YOUTH ORGANIZATION; DECLARING  
FEBRUARY 22, 2017 "FFA DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, FFA, formerly future farmers of America, has  
been a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico  
for more than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, FFA sponsors chapters in rural and urban areas  
throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, more than five thousand youths between twelve  
and twenty-one years of age participate in FFA youth  
development programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, FFA youth development programs are diverse and  
help participants to acquire important life skills, such as  
leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking,  
problem solving, decision-making, conflict resolution and  
communication skills, that directly contribute to the  
successful transition of young people into productive adults;  
and

WHEREAS, FFA participants report having more confidence  
and positive self-identity, greater control in their lives  
and a better ability to make decisions independently; and

WHEREAS, FFA participants also report that they set  
goals and take responsibility for their actions, they take  
pride in many things, and their lives have purpose and

