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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE HATCH CHILE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CULTURE AND ECONOMY OF NEW MEXICO THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF HATCH FARM-GROWN CHILE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico residents have cultivated, grown and marketed unprocessed chile in the Hatch valley region since long before New Mexico became a state in 1912; and

WHEREAS, chile grown in the Hatch valley region has become known and famous as chile of the highest quality and is sold throughout New Mexico, the United States and increasingly around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Hatch chile association was organized in 2013 for the purpose of ensuring that chile grown in the Hatch valley is properly identified and certified as such; and

WHEREAS, the Hatch chile association's certification

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1 further ensures that chile not grown in the Hatch valley is not
2 inaccurately identified as having come from the Hatch valley;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the Hatch chile association has made significant
5 contributions to the culture and economy of New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the reputation of chile from the Hatch valley
7 contributes to the healthy growth of an agricultural industry
8 that is of vital importance to the future of New Mexico and the
9 growth of the state's economy; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2012, the United States senate recognized the
11 Hatch valley region of New Mexico as the "chile capital of the
12 world";

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Hatch chile
15 association be recognized for its contributions to the growth
16 and development of an agricultural industry of vital cultural
17 and economic significance to New Mexico; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hatch chile association be
19 recognized for certifying the source and quality of chile grown
20 in the Hatch valley; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the Hatch chile association.