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53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE FFA YOUTH ORGANIZATION; DECLARING JANUARY 24,
2018 "FFA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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 three thousand six hundred 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

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1 communication skills, that directly contribute to the
2 successful transition of young people into productive adults;
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4 WHEREAS, FFA participants report having more confidence
5 and positive self-identity, greater control in their lives and
6 a better ability to make decisions independently; and

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

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in recognition
12 of the contribution of the FFA to the state, January 24, 2018
13 be declared "FFA Day" in the house of representatives; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
15 transmitted to New Mexico's FFA organization.