

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 6, 2019 "YOUNG FARMERS AND RANCHERS DAY" IN
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, the New Mexico farm and livestock bureau has
6 been the voice of agriculture in New Mexico since 1917; and

7 WHEREAS, the New Mexico farm and livestock bureau is an
8 independent, voluntary, grassroots organization that advocates
9 for all aspects of agriculture to ensure a sustainable future;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the young farmers and ranchers program is part
12 of the New Mexico farm and livestock bureau, providing
13 training to young people for leadership and development roles
14 in agriculture and fostering young farmers and ranchers
15 throughout all agricultural industries; and

16 WHEREAS, beginning farmer and rancher development
17 programs create opportunity for thousands of young adults; and

18 WHEREAS, millennials account for more than two hundred
19 fifty thousand farmers in the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, more than twenty percent of all farmers in the
21 United States are beginning farmers; and

22 WHEREAS, there are over twenty-four thousand farms and
23 ranches in New Mexico that span more than forty-three million
24 acres; and

25 WHEREAS, five percent of farmers and ranchers in New

1 Mexico are under the age of thirty-four, totaling
2 approximately one thousand two hundred young farmers and
3 ranchers; and

4 WHEREAS, the legislature supports and encourages the
5 young farmers and ranchers of New Mexico;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in recognition
8 of the contributions of young farmers and ranchers to the
9 state, February 6, 2019 be declared "Young Farmers and
10 Ranchers Day" in the house of representatives; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all young farmers and
12 ranchers in the state be recognized for working tirelessly to
13 provide New Mexico, the United States and world residents with
14 food, fuel and fiber; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico department of
17 agriculture.
