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SENATE MEMORIAL 58

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING FEBRUARY 15, 2019 AS "VALENCIA COUNTY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, Valencia county is part of the Rio Abajo; and

WHEREAS, Valencia county is the home of the largest matanza in the United States, and the matanza is a symbol of the rich Spanish heritage of the Rio Grande valley; and

WHEREAS, Valencia county is the home of the famous Tome land grant, which the king of Spain granted to thirty families in 1739; and

WHEREAS, the village of Los Lunas was founded by Spaniards in the seventeenth century; and

WHEREAS, Belen is officially known as "Nuestra Señora de Belen", or "Our Lady of Belen"; and

WHEREAS, Belen means "Bethlehem" in Spanish; and

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1 WHEREAS, Belen was a strategic point along the Camino
2 Real, also known as the "Royal Road", which carved a trade
3 route south into Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, Belen has gained the nickname "hub city" because
5 of the Belen cutoff of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe
6 railway, now known as the BNSF railway company; and

7 WHEREAS, Bosque Farms was a destination for relocated dust
8 bowl refugees; and

9 WHEREAS, Bosque Farms strives to be a sparsely populated,
10 agricultural community; and

11 WHEREAS, Peralta was the site of a minor engagement during
12 the American civil war; and

13 WHEREAS, Rio Communities is home to Valencia county's only
14 golf course, Tierra del Sol; and

15 WHEREAS, Valencia county is home to the decalogue stone,
16 which contains an inscription that is interpreted to be an
17 abridged version of the ten commandments in a form of the
18 Paleo-Hebrew alphabet; and

19 WHEREAS, Valencia county houses two museums, the Belen
20 Harvey house museum and the Los Lunas museum of heritage and
21 arts; and

22 WHEREAS, Valencia county is home to parts of the Cibola
23 national forest and the Manzano wilderness; and

24 WHEREAS, Valencia county is renowned for its agriculture;
25 and

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1 WHEREAS, Valencia county hosts the United States' largest
2 matanza, a family fun event that raises funds to provide
3 scholarships to students while preserving Valencia county
4 traditions by promoting and enhancing local business
5 development through civic, social, cultural and employment
6 training programs;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
8 OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2019 be commemorated as
9 "Valencia County Day" in the senate; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the mayors of Belen, Los Lunas, Bosque Farms,
12 Peralta and Rio Communities.

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