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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 4, 2020 "4-H DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth organization in the world with seven million youth members and six hundred three thousand volunteer leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has been a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico for over one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, 4-H sponsors clubs in rural and urban areas throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, more than thirty thousand youths between the ages of five and eighteen participate in 4-H youth development programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, more than three thousand volunteers aid 4-H youth development programs, and more than two hundred projects are available in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, 4-H youth development programs are diverse and help participants acquire important life skills, including 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, 4-H participants report having greater

1 confidence and a more positive self-identity, stating that
2 they have greater control over events in their lives and a
3 better ability to make decisions on their own, that they set
4 goals and take responsibility for their actions, that they
5 can take pride in many things and that their lives have
6 purpose and meaning; and

7 WHEREAS, 4-H projects are offered in creative arts,
8 health and nutrition, natural science, plants and animals,
9 communications and many more areas; and

10 WHEREAS, the objective of 4-H is to teach members how to
11 think, not what to think;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in
14 recognition of the contributions of 4-H to the state,
15 February 4, 2020 be declared "4-H Day" in the house of
16 representatives; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to New Mexico state university's 4-H youth
19 development program. _____