A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 5, 2020 "YOUNG FARMERS AND RANCHERS DAY"
IN THE SENATE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, five percent of farmers and ranchers in New Mexico are under the age of thirty-four, totaling approximately one thousand two hundred young farmers and ranchers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in recognition of the contributions of young farmers and ranchers to the state, February 5, 2020 be declared "Young Farmers and Ranchers Day" in the senate; and

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

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