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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023, "FOSTER CARE DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, hundreds of New Mexicans serve the state and its children as resource families through traditional foster care and kinship care; and

WHEREAS, foster care parents provide children in their care with unconditional love and support, emotional safety, educational opportunities, stability and, in many instances, the opportunity to be children without the burden of adult responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, children in foster care rely on their resource families, advocates and providers to accept them for who they are and where they come from and to provide the necessary support and encouragement to set goals for their futures and to believe in the power of their dreams; and

WHEREAS, resource families open their homes, hearts and lives to children who need love and support while maintaining respect for, and fostering connections to, the children's cultural communities and religions; and

WHEREAS, many children are adopted by the resource families that have offered those children love, support and nurturing; and

WHEREAS, resource families, advocates and providers find

1 it a joy and a privilege to parent and learn from the
2 children placed in their care, build up the children's self-
3 esteem and provide them with structure; and

4 WHEREAS, resource families, advocates and providers
5 selflessly bestow opportunities for educational, emotional,
6 mental and physical growth to the children in their care so
7 that each child is treated with dignity and respect, while
8 preparing the children to be confident, respectful,
9 responsible and self-sufficient adults;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Wednesday,
12 March 1, 2023, be declared "Foster Care Day" in the house of
13 representatives; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that throughout the state of New
15 Mexico, resource families, advocates and providers who
16 selflessly serve and advocate for the children of New Mexico
17 be treated with dignity and respect and be appreciated for the
18 great service they provide through their altruism and love.

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