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SENATE MEMORIAL 40

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 17, 2023 "SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts promote
responsible management and conservation of natural resources on
all lands; and

WHEREAS, these districts have effectively reached out to
communities to teach the value of natural resources and to
encourage conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, each year, soil and water conservation districts
work with leaders in agriculture, environment, education and
other industries to drive voluntary, incentive-driven programs
that benefit everyone; and

WHEREAS, nearly three thousand such districts nationwide
assist in stewardship responsibilities and ensure that the work

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1 of conservation is maintained at the local level; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico's forty-seven soil and water
3 conservation districts amplify the common voice of federal,
4 state and local governments, tribes and more than ten thousand
5 farmers and ranchers that are the stewards of more than
6 seventy-seven million acres of forest, range, cropland, pasture
7 and other lands in the state; and

8 WHEREAS, since 1946, New Mexico's soil and water
9 conservation districts have successfully executed the staffing,
10 networking, funding, policy, programs, influence and governance
11 to be the renowned resource and delivery system for achieving
12 conservation directly with landowners;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
14 OF NEW MEXICO that February 17, 2023 be declared "Soil and
15 Water Conservation District Day" in the senate; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the New Mexico association of conservation
18 districts.