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HOUSE MEMORIAL 14

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 5, 2025 "FFA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, FFA, formerly future farmers of America, has been
a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico for more
than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, started by thirty-three Virginia farm boys in
1928, the national FFA organization now has more than one
million members in all fifty states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin
Islands; and

WHEREAS, the FFA mission centers on three goals: premier
leadership, personal growth and career success through
agriculture education; and

WHEREAS, the FFA is an intra-curricular organization that
accomplishes its mission by focusing on its three-circle model

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1 of FFA, classroom and supervised agriculture experiences; and

2 WHEREAS, FFA sponsors chapters in rural and urban areas
3 throughout the state; and

4 WHEREAS, today, the New Mexico FFA association has more
5 than five thousand two hundred youths between twelve and
6 twenty-one years of age participating in FFA youth development
7 programs in ninety-three chapters statewide; and

8 WHEREAS, FFA youth development programs are diverse and
9 help participants to acquire important life skills, such as
10 leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking, problem
11 solving, decision making, conflict resolution and communication
12 skills, that directly contribute to the successful transition
13 of young people into productive adults; and

14 WHEREAS, students enrolled in agriculture education today
15 learn a variety of skills, including career readiness,
16 agriculture mechanics, floral design, animal science, ecology
17 and the environment and agriculture business, demonstrating
18 that FFA is no longer about "cows, sows and plows" but teaches
19 vital skills that will be useful in any career; and

20 WHEREAS, FFA participants report having more confidence
21 and positive self-identity, greater control in their lives and
22 a better ability to make decisions independently; and

23 WHEREAS, FFA participants also report that they set goals
24 and take responsibility for their actions, they take pride in
25 many things and their lives have purpose and meaning; and

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1 WHEREAS, beginning on February 15, 2025, FFA members
2 across the country will celebrate national FFA week, and in New
3 Mexico, members across the state will celebrate and highlight
4 their time in FFA; and

5 WHEREAS, the accomplished young men and women of FFA are
6 outstanding examples of hard work and dedication;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in recognition
9 of the contribution of the FFA to the state and in celebration
10 of the achievements of the young men and women of FFA, February
11 5, 2025 be proclaimed "FFA Day" in the house of
12 representatives; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the New Mexico FFA organization.