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HOUSE MEMORIAL 17

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 16, 2005 AS "RIO ARRIBA-RIO ARRIBA FAMILY CARE NETWORK DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the people of Rio Arriba county are a proud, culturally diverse and independent people with a rich history of indigenous traditions; and

WHEREAS, Rio Arriba county has developed innovative, nationally recognized solutions to problems in such diverse arenas as health care and land use planning; and

WHEREAS, Rio Arriba county has taken bold steps to confront a substance abuse epidemic, including the purchase, renovation and opening of a residential treatment center in Velarde; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Arriba family care network is a coalition of fifty-five member organizations serving residents of Rio

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1 Arriba county and is the county's health and human service
2 planning council; and

3 WHEREAS, Rio Arriba county and the Rio Arriba family care
4 network have partnered with one another to develop ArribaCare,
5 an innovative health care financing system for uninsured county
6 residents; and

7 WHEREAS, the legislature honors and promotes cultural
8 diversity, including the strong Indo-Hispanic culture and
9 traditions that are found throughout Rio Arriba county; and

10 WHEREAS, Rio Arriba county exemplifies creativity,
11 cultural diversity and deep-rooted Indo-Hispanic traditions;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 16,
14 2005 be recognized as "Rio Arriba-Rio Arriba Family Care
15 Network Day" in the house of representatives, honoring the
16 residents of Rio Arriba county for their diversity of culture,
17 longstanding Indo-Hispanic traditions and innovative solutions
18 to complex problems in health care, substance abuse treatment
19 and land use planning; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to Elias Coriz, chairman of the Rio Arriba board of
22 county commissioners; county commissioners Andrew Chavez and
23 Felipe Martinez; Rio Arriba family care network officers
24 Richard Franco, president; Ben Tafoya, vice president; Silvano
25 Torres, secretary; and Delfin Quintana, treasurer; Rio Arriba

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1 family care network board members John Ussery, Joann Salazar,
2 Desaree Whitfield, Gilberto Romero, Alfredo Vigil, Bernie
3 Madrid, Anabella Fresquez and Joseph Maestas; and Rio Arriba
4 family care network director Lauren Reichelt.

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