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HOUSE MEMORIAL 70

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

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING MARCH 20, 2005 TO BE "CANADA DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Canada has produced many fine actors and comedians, including Jim Carrey, Donald Sutherland, William Shatner, Dan Aykroyd, John Candy, Mike Meyers, Michael J. Fox, Pamela Anderson and Keanu Reeves; and

WHEREAS, Canada has produced many excellent musicians, including Neil Young, Sarah McLaughlin, Leonard Cohen, Guy Lombardo, Avril Lavigne, Shania Twain, Alanis Morissette, Celine Dion and Gordon Lightfoot; and

WHEREAS, Canada has produced many outstanding authors, including Margaret Atwood, Robertson Davies, Rohinton Mistry, Carol Shields, Yann Martel and Timothy Findley; and

WHEREAS, Canada invented and has excelled at many sports

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1 that confound and amuse New Mexicans, including curling,
2 broomball and lacrosse; and

3 WHEREAS, Canadian David Frum has served as a speechwriter
4 to George W. Bush, contributing to the state of the union
5 address and coining the phase "axis of evil"; and

6 WHEREAS, Canadian Jennifer Granholm was elected the forty-
7 seventh governor of Michigan and, since taking office in
8 January 2003, has eliminated a three-billion-dollar
9 (\$3,000,000,000) budget deficit and has cut more than one
10 billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) from the state's budget, the
11 largest amount ever trimmed from state spending, while still
12 making education, children, jobs and health care top
13 priorities; and

14 WHEREAS, Canada has produced many fine hockey players, as
15 well as many fine beers that are enjoyed in New Mexico and
16 elsewhere in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Canada has produced many Nobel prize-winning
18 scientists, including Dr. Frederick Banting who discovered
19 insulin, Dr. Michael Smith who discovered site-directed
20 mutagenesis, Dr. David Hubel who mapped the visual cortex and
21 Dr. John Polanyi whose work on chemi-luminescence has spawned
22 the development of powerful new lasers; and

23 WHEREAS, Canadians have invented many products useful to
24 New Mexicans, including the telephone, the electron microscope,
25 kerosene, newsprint, the zipper, standard time zones, the first

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1 cardiac pacemaker, the electric wheelchair, JAVA technology,
2 the games of Yahtzee and Trivial Pursuit, the Jolly Jumper for
3 babies, *Saturday Night Live*, Superman, the Robertson
4 screwdriver and, most importantly, the retractable beer case
5 handle; and

6 WHEREAS, Canadian Henry Woodward invented the lightbulb,
7 then sold the patent to Thomas Edison; and

8 WHEREAS, Canadian James Naismith invented basketball,
9 allowing both the men's and women's Lobos to go to the Dance;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 20, 2005
12 be designated as "Canada Day" at the New Mexico house of
13 representatives to recognize the contributions of Canadians to
14 the lives of many New Mexicans; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the prime minister of Canada.