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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 43

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

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 18, 2005 AS "ESPANOLA VALLEY DAY" AT THE
NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS, the Espanola valley lies nestled in both Rio
Arriba and Santa Fe counties, is surrounded by the Pueblos of
Santa Clara and San Juan and has a vigorous tricultural
history; and**

**WHEREAS, 1998 marked the four hundredth anniversary of
Hispanic influence in the Espanola valley, commencing in 1598
with the first Spanish settlement in Nuevo Mexico and the
opening of the trade route known as El Camino Real, running
from Mexico to the Pueblo of San Juan; and**

**WHEREAS, the legislature honors and promotes cultural
diversity, including the strong Hispanic culture and traditions
that can be found throughout New Mexico; and**

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1 WHEREAS, the city of Espanola and the counties of Rio
2 Arriba and Santa Fe exemplify cultural diversity and deep-
3 rooted Hispanic traditions;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 18, 2005 be recognized as
6 "Espanola Valley Day" at the New Mexico legislature, honoring
7 the entire Espanola valley for its diversity of culture and
8 long-standing Hispanic traditions; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to Mayor Richard L. Lucero of the city of Espanola;
11 Joe Duran, acting Espanola city manager; councilors Alice
12 Lucero, Joseph Maestas, Rosario Chayo Garcia, Dennis Salazar,
13 Carla Ann Martinez, Pedro Valdez, Anthony Vandervossen and J. R.
14 Trujillo; and Commissioner Jack Sullivan of Santa Fe county.

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