

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 35

2 **47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2006 AS "FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA AND
12 4-H DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.

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14 WHEREAS, future farmers of America and 4-H youth development
15 programs have been the premier youth leadership programs in New
16 Mexico for more than eighty years; and

17 WHEREAS, the future farmers of America and 4-H youth
18 development programs sponsor chapters and clubs in rural and
19 urban areas throughout the state; and

20 WHEREAS, over ninety thousand youth aged five to twenty-
21 one participate in the future farmers of America and 4-H youth
22 development programs statewide; and

23 WHEREAS, future farmers of America and 4-H youth
24 development programs are diverse, emphasizing thirty-five life
25 skills, including leadership, responsible citizenship, critical

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1 thinking, problem solving, decision-making, conflict
2 resolution, respecting others and effective communication, that
3 directly contribute to the successful transition of young
4 people into productive adults; and

5 WHEREAS, future farmers of America and 4-H youth
6 development programs are involved in partnerships throughout
7 New Mexico with volunteer efforts involving almost six thousand
8 adult volunteers contributing over two hundred sixty-eight
9 thousand hours of volunteer service to the youth of the state,
10 which if the service were provided by paid staff would have
11 cost almost five million dollars (\$5,000,000); and

12 WHEREAS, future farmers of America and 4-H youth reported
13 that being a part of those organizations gave them greater
14 confidence and positive self-identity; gave them greater
15 control over events in their lives by enabling them to make
16 decisions on their own, set goals and take responsibility for
17 their actions; and gave them pride and a sense of purpose and
18 meaning in life;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 2, 2006 be declared "Future
21 Farmers of America and 4-H Day" at the legislature; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to New Mexico's future farmers of America and 4-H
24 organizations.