

A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007, AS "ARCA DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN RECOGNITION OF ARCA'S FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, ARCA began providing community-based support services with its child study center and its preschool and recreational programs in 1957; and

WHEREAS, ARCA was founded by a group of caring families seeking community-based opportunities for their developmentally disabled children; and

WHEREAS, ARCA continues to honor the preference of people with developmental disabilities to live, work and play in their local communities through its encouragement and support of families and the greater Albuquerque community; and

WHEREAS, ARCA is the state's largest not-for-profit provider of services to the developmentally disabled, offering an array of critical support services to over five hundred children and adults each year; and

WHEREAS, ARCA offers its recipients many options, including community living, family living, employment, community-inclusion services and a statewide prader willi: project; and

WHEREAS, ARCA's compassionate work force of over six hundred employees helps individuals with disabilities fulfill

their daily needs, make meaningful choices, connect with the community and achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has been a longtime supporter of ARCA and of New Mexico residents with developmental disabilities, and it continues to support them and encourage their involvement with the legislature and society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition and appreciation be extended to ARCA in honor of its fiftieth anniversary and that Thursday, February 8, 2007, be proclaimed "ARCA Day" at the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of ARCA.