

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 7, 2007 "SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY" AT THE HOUSE.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico suicide prevention coalition would like to thank everyone for supporting suicide prevention efforts in New Mexico, and, together, we are making a difference in the lives of many in our state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks fifth in the country for all ages and fourth in the country for youth suicides, which is about twice the national suicide rate; and

WHEREAS, three hundred forty-seven New Mexicans died in 2005 by suicide, one person for nearly every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that for every suicide there are at least six survivors, and many more people are affected by suicide; and

WHEREAS, the governor has made youth suicide a priority and allocated five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for three years to increase school-based health centers' budgets for suicide prevention efforts statewide; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico suicide prevention coalition and state and private agencies are working in collaboration to spread awareness about suicide warning signs and resources, and together we are saving lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 7, 2007
be declared "Suicide Prevention Awareness Day" at the house;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the New Mexico suicide prevention coalition.