

1 A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, ARCA continues to honor the preference of
12 people with developmental disabilities to live, work and play
13 in their local communities through its encouragement and
14 support of families and the greater Albuquerque community;
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16 WHEREAS, ARCA is the state's largest not-for-profit
17 provider of services to the developmentally disabled,
18 offering an array of critical support services to over five
19 hundred children and adults each year; and

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

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

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

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

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition and appreciation be
10 extended to ARCA in honor of its fiftieth anniversary and
11 that Thursday, February 8, 2007, be proclaimed "ARCA Day" at
12 the senate; and

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

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