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Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 5 declares January 31, 2008 as "Farm Workers' Day" at the House of Representatives to honor the hardworking people whose role in New Mexico's economy is of great importance to all residents of the State of New Mexico.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Memorial honoring the hard working people of New Mexico states as follows:

- Agriculture's contribution to New Mexico's heritage and economic health is well known.
- In 2005, the farm and ranch community had product sales totaling two billion six hundred million dollars (\$2,600,000,000).
- Major farm production in New Mexico includes cattle, sheep and wool, dairies and dairy products, alfalfa and other hays, wheat, sorghum, cotton, chile, pecans, lettuce, corn and onions.
- The production of many of these products would not be possible without approximately 12,000 farm and ranch workers in New Mexico.
- Farm and ranch workers in New Mexico have been tending crops and livestock for more than 90 years, when large-scale agriculture began in this State.
- During this time, farm and ranch workers have been the backbone of much of the farming and ranching industry.
- Farm and ranch workers labor in one of the most dangerous occupations in the nation, and each year 120,000 agricultural workers throughout the country suffer disabling injuries from work-related accidents.
- Many farm and ranch workers receive little recognition for their work.
- All New Mexicans benefit from the labor of farm and ranch workers.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The hard working people of New Mexico will not be recognized by the State of New Mexico for their contributions.

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