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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 6 declares January 31, 2008 as "Farm and Ranch Workers' Day" at the Senate to honor the hard-working people who play an important role in New Mexico's economy.

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 Senate of State of New Mexico for their contributions.

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