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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 19, 2009 AS "FFA AND 4-H DAY" AT THE  
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H have been premier youth leadership  
organizations in New Mexico for more than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H sponsor chapters and clubs in rural  
and urban areas throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, more than ninety thousand youths between the  
ages of five and twenty-one participate in FFA and 4-H youth  
development programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H youth development programs are  
diverse and help participants acquire important life skills,  
including leadership, responsible citizenship, critical  
thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, conflict  
resolution and communication skills, that directly contribute  
to the successful transition of young people into productive  
adults; and

WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H participants report having greater  
confidence and a more positive self-image, stating that they  
have greater control over events in their lives and a better  
ability to make decisions on their own, set goals and take  
responsibility for their actions, and that there are many  
things in which they can take pride and their lives have  
purpose and meaning;

