SENATE MEMORIAL 76

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 2, 2011 "LAS ESPERANZAS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, Las Esperanzas, incorporated, is a neighborhood nonprofit organization whose mission is to facilitate the preservation, revitalization and protection of the Mesquite street-original townsite historic district; and

WHEREAS, before it was a street, Mesquite street was part of El Camino Real; and

WHEREAS, in 1847, Pablo Melendrez used a rawhide rope to lay out a grid that would become Las Cruces; and

WHEREAS, the grid was thirteen blocks long and six blocks wide and was divided among the settling families, whose decendants still live in the historic district; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the New Mexico legislature and countless volunteers, the historic district now has Jardin

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1   de Mesquite park, Jardin de Esperanzas community garden,

2   Entrada del Sol park and a refurbished Klein park; and

3   WHEREAS, the neighborhood is now adorned with decorative

4   light fixtures with historic medallions; and

5   WHEREAS, working in partnership with CARTA, the historic

6   district has had its history returned to it and was recently

7   designated by the national trails system as part of the El

8   Camino Real de Tierra Adentro;

9   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

10   OF NEW MEXICO that March 2, 2011 be declared "Las Esperanzas

11   Day" in the senate; and

12   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congratulations be extended to

13   the Mesquite street-original townsite historic district and Las

14   Esperanzas, incorporated, for their successful efforts to

15   preserve, revitalize and protect the historic district; and

16   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

17   transmitted to Las Esperanzas, incorporated.

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