1	A MEMORIAL
2	DECLARING JANUARY 18, 2012 AS "AUTISM DAY" IN THE SENATE AND
3	RECOGNIZING THE NEW MEXICO AUTISM SOCIETY FOR ITS
4	LONG-STANDING WORK AND ADVOCACY.
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6	WHEREAS, autism disorders are the fastest growing
7	developmental disability in the world today; and
8	WHEREAS, one of every one hundred ten children will be
9	diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder; and
10	WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders affect a person's
11	communication and social interactions; and
12	WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong condition that varies in
13	its presentation from severe to mildly impairing; and
14	WHEREAS, the cause of autism remains unknown; and
15	WHEREAS, treatment for autism is effective when it is
16	highly individualized; and
17	WHEREAS, New Mexico has a deficit of service providers
18	and people trained in the treatment and care of persons with
19	autism; and
20	WHEREAS, New Mexico should strive to improve systems of
21	care for children and adults with autism; and
22	WHEREAS, the state recognizes the valuable contributions
23	to its communities, businesses, technologies and cultures
24	made by people with autism; and
25	WHEREAS, the New Mexico autism society has been

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1	advocating for people with autism and their families for over	
2	forty years;	
3	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE	
4	STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 18, 2012 be declared "Autism	
5	Day" in the senate; and	
6	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate recognize the	
7	New Mexico autism society for its efforts in service of	
8	people with autism and their families; and	
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be	
10	transmitted to the New Mexico autism society	
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