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HOUSE MEMORIAL 6

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE KITCHEN ANGELS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION'S TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SANTA FE AND NORTHERN NEW MEXICO; DECLARING FEBRUARY 1, 2013 AS "KITCHEN ANGELS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, between 2008 and 2010, fifteen percent of New Mexico households experienced low food security, and six percent experienced food shortage because of lack of resources; and

WHEREAS, between 2008 and 2010, the percentage of insured and uninsured adults between the ages of eighteen and sixty-four who, because of poverty, postponed or did without needed medical treatments increased; and

WHEREAS, postponing or forgoing needed medical treatments can cause serious illness, medical complications and longer,

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1 more frequent and costlier hospital stays; and

2 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels, a Santa Fe-based nonprofit
3 agency, was founded in June 1992 to respond to the lack of
4 services for the homebound, chronically ill; and

5 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels reduces the impact of poverty on
6 its clients' access to good nutrition and medical treatments;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels provides nutritious meals at no
9 cost to fragile, homebound individuals throughout Santa Fe and
10 northern New Mexico who have chronic or terminal illness; and

11 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels' clients cannot consistently
12 prepare meals for themselves because their illnesses limit
13 their abilities to shop and cook; and

14 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels' clients do not have family
15 members on whom they can rely to provide for their nutritional
16 needs; and

17 WHEREAS, ninety-eight percent of Kitchen Angels' clients
18 live on less than two hundred fifteen dollars (\$215) each week;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels improves the quality of its
21 clients' lives by ensuring that the homebound, chronically ill
22 receive consistent nutrition, nutritional consultation and a
23 daily opportunity to interact with a caring person; and

24 WHEREAS, nearly all of Kitchen Angels' clients report that
25 because their nutritional needs are addressed, they are able to

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1 afford their medications or avoid placement in a nursing home,
2 or both; and

3 WHEREAS, since its founding, Kitchen Angels has prepared
4 and delivered seven hundred fifty thousand meals; and

5 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels regularly partners with other
6 health and social service agencies to end hunger in New Mexico;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels has relied on more than three
9 thousand five hundred volunteers to prepare and deliver meals,
10 which are offered each weekday, including holidays; and

11 WHEREAS, Kitchen Angels is the only agency in northern New
12 Mexico that provides its type of services to individuals who
13 are less than the age of sixty; and

14 WHEREAS, the type of services that Kitchen Angels offers
15 could be offered in every community in New Mexico;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Kitchen Angels
18 be commended for its twenty years of outstanding contributions
19 to the health and well-being of some of the most fragile and
20 vulnerable people of Santa Fe and northern New Mexico; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 1, 2013 be declared
22 "Kitchen Angels Day" in the house of representatives; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the Kitchen Angels nonprofit organization.