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HOUSE MEMORIAL 29

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

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE OF YMCAS AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 20, 2013 "SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE OF YMCAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, for over one hundred years, the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of community through programs and services that foster youth development, healthy living and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs' excellence in providing programs and opportunities to support a healthy lifestyle, more New Mexicans are turning to their YMCAs to become healthier and to support them in their desire to live healthier lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, more than twenty-eight thousand individuals benefit directly each year from the YMCA's extensive

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1 programming for all ages and interest groups, from toddler
2 activities and teen programs to fitness and wellness
3 opportunities for New Mexico's senior citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, more than fourteen thousand five hundred youths
5 benefit each year from programs such as YMCA after-school care,
6 basketball, volleyball, character counts, youth-in-government,
7 yes corps, counselor-in-training, Y camps, teen programs and
8 teen centers, camp Shaver and many other character-building and
9 youth-development programs; and

10 WHEREAS, more than one thousand nine hundred individuals
11 volunteer at YMCAs each year, making New Mexico's alliance of
12 YMCAs one of the largest volunteer-led and -driven
13 organizations in the state; and

14 WHEREAS, the YMCAs are governed by local volunteer boards
15 of directors who give generously of their time, money and
16 effort in order for New Mexicans to grow as responsible members
17 of their families and communities; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexicans who participate in YMCA programs and
19 use YMCA facilities develop self-confidence and self-respect,
20 as well as an awareness of the rights and worth of every
21 individual; and

22 WHEREAS, New Mexicans who participate in YMCA programs and
23 use YMCA facilities appreciate that physical and mental health
24 are divine gifts that should be maintained through healthy
25 living and spiritual growth; and

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1 WHEREAS, New Mexicans who participate in YMCA programs and
2 use YMCA facilities develop and use their capacities for
3 leadership; and

4 WHEREAS, the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs has awarded
5 nearly two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000) in
6 financial aid so that everyone, regardless of ability to pay,
7 could participate in the YMCA's activities and programs; and

8 WHEREAS, the financial aid that the New Mexico alliance of
9 YMCAs offers depends wholly on continued community support from
10 entities such as the united way, through YMCA memberships and
11 program supports and annual campaigns; and

12 WHEREAS, recent improvements to YMCA facilities in New
13 Mexico include the new Los Alamos teen center; a newly enlarged
14 facility in Los Alamos; the renovation and expansion of two
15 branches in Albuquerque; new branches in Albuquerque and Rio
16 Rancho; and a new YMCA facility in Clovis;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
19 alliance of YMCAs be recognized for its contributions in
20 providing community programs and support to youths, families
21 and adults throughout New Mexico and that February 20, 2013 be
22 declared "Support the New Mexico Alliance of YMCAs Day" in the
23 house of representatives; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs.

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