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HOUSE MEMORIAL 100

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

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING MARCH 11, 2013 AS "FIESTA COUNCIL DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the fiestas of northern New Mexico focus on the history of the area and the blending of Spanish and Native American cultures; and

WHEREAS, fiesta celebrations attract thousands of residents and tourists, which brings in additional revenue to New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, fiestas are often attended by dignitaries and distinguished guests from all over New Mexico and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the fiestas of northern New Mexico represent centuries of history, culture and tradition; and

WHEREAS, the fiesta of Santa Fe is a tradition that has

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1 been continuously observed for three hundred one years; and

2 WHEREAS, the fiestas of Las Vegas have been celebrated for
3 one hundred twenty-three successive years; and

4 WHEREAS, the fiestas of Taos have been celebrated for as
5 long as anyone can remember; and

6 WHEREAS, the city of Espanola has rediscovered and
7 embraced the fiesta tradition since the mid-1960s; and

8 WHEREAS, the modern fiestas are still characterized by the
9 religious tone set by the first fiestas; and

10 WHEREAS, the fiestas are a blend of giving thanks, revelry
11 and pride in the hearts of all who celebrate fiestas; and

12 WHEREAS, the fiestas could not take place without the hard
13 work of the various fiesta councils of Espanola, Las Vegas,
14 Santa Fe and Taos; and

15 WHEREAS, fiesta councils carry on a very long tradition
16 that helps to continue the blending of Spanish and Native
17 American cultures and traditions;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 11, 2013
20 be recognized as "Fiesta Council Day" at the house of
21 representatives and that recognition be extended to all fiesta
22 council members; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the fiesta councils of Espanola, Las Vegas,
25 Santa Fe and Taos.

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