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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 17, 2015 "4-H DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, 4-H has been a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico for more than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, 4-H sponsors clubs in rural and urban areas throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, more than sixty thousand youths between the ages of five and twenty-one participate in 4-H youth development programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, 4-H youth development programs are diverse and help participants acquire important life skills, including leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, conflict resolution and communication skills, that directly contribute to the successful transition of young people into productive adults; and

WHEREAS, 4-H participants report having greater confidence and a more positive self-identity, stating that they have greater control over events in their lives and a better ability to make decisions on their own, that they set goals and take responsibility for their actions, that they can take pride in many things and that their lives have purpose and meaning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition of the contributions of 4-H to the state, February 17, 2015 be declared "4-H Day"