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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE FFA YOUTH ORGANIZATION; DECLARING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2015 "FFA DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, FFA, formerly future farmers of America, has  
been a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico  
for more than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, FFA sponsors chapters in rural and urban areas  
throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, more than five thousand youths between twelve  
and twenty-one years of age participate in FFA youth  
development programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, FFA youth development programs are diverse and  
help participants to acquire important life skills, such as  
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, FFA participants report having more confidence  
and positive self-identity, greater control in their lives  
and a better ability to make decisions independently; and

WHEREAS, FFA participants also report that they set  
goals and take responsibility for their actions, they take  
pride in many things and their lives have purpose and

1 meaning;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in recognition of the contribution  
4 of the FFA to the state, February 18, 2015 be declared  
5 "FFA Day" in the senate; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to New Mexico's FFA organization. \_\_\_\_\_

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