

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 26, 2016 "SOUTHWEST CHEESE DAY" IN THE  
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

4 WHEREAS, the city of Clovis and Clovis industrial  
5 development recruited Southwest Cheese in 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, the Southwest Cheese plant opened in October  
7 2005 using approximately two hundred million dollars  
8 (\$200,000,000) of investments; and

9 WHEREAS, the Southwest Cheese plant opened with  
10 approximately two hundred five employees in 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Southwest Cheese plant underwent a  
12 one-hundred-million-dollar (\$100,000,000) expansion, using  
13 industrial revenue bonds issued by the city of Clovis; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2010 expansion increased employment to  
15 approximately three hundred eighty employees; and

16 WHEREAS, the 2010 expansion increased annual output to  
17 more than four hundred twenty million pounds of cheese and  
18 more than twenty-nine million pounds of whey protein powder;  
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20 WHEREAS, the second expansion, using approximately one  
21 hundred sixty million dollars (\$160,000,000) of industrial  
22 revenue bonds issued by the city of Clovis, is scheduled to  
23 begin in April 2016; and

24 WHEREAS, the second expansion will add approximately one  
25 hundred ten thousand square feet to the plant and will result

1 in Southwest Cheese becoming the world's largest cheese  
2 plant; and

3 WHEREAS, this expansion will accommodate an additional  
4 three million pounds of milk per day and increase milk input  
5 to approximately eleven million pounds daily and add an  
6 additional forty-eight employees and bring total employment  
7 to approximately four hundred twenty-eight employees;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW MEXICO that January 26, 2016 be  
10 declared "Southwest Cheese Day" in the house of  
11 representatives; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the president of Southwest Cheese.  
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