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HOUSE MEMORIAL 41

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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A MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING FEBRUARY 12, 2016 AS "I HEART CAREGIVERS DAY" IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, one in five New Mexicans serves as a family
caregiver during any given year; and

WHEREAS, each year, an estimated four hundred nineteen
thousand adults in the state provide an estimated two hundred
fifty-seven million hours of unpaid family caregiving at an
estimated value of over three billion one hundred million
dollars (\$3,100,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the governor and the aging and long-term services
department released the *New Mexico State Plan for Family
Caregivers* in 2015, which identifies unpaid lay caregiver
issues and needs; and

WHEREAS, AARP New Mexico has been a leader in addressing

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1 lay caregiver issues and needs and is bringing volunteers and
2 partners together to raise awareness and develop specific
3 recommendations; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2015, the legislature addressed a family
5 caregiver issue of concern and enacted legislation to allow for
6 the designation and training of lay caregivers to provide care
7 to patients after discharge; and

8 WHEREAS, the *New Mexico State Plan for Family Caregivers*
9 provides recommendations for future action; and

10 WHEREAS, unpaid lay caregivers need to be recognized for
11 their work;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12,
14 2016 be commemorated as "I Heart Caregivers Day" in the house
15 of representatives; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the AARP New Mexico state office and the
18 secretary of aging and long-term services.