

1 A MEMORIAL

2 CELEBRATING THE FFA YOUTH ORGANIZATION; DECLARING FEBRUARY
3 22, 2017 "FFA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

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

10 WHEREAS, more than three thousand six hundred youths
11 between twelve and twenty-one years of age participate in FFA
12 youth development programs statewide; and

13 WHEREAS, FFA youth development programs are diverse and
14 help participants to acquire important life skills, such as
15 leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking,
16 problem solving, decision-making, conflict resolution and
17 communication skills, that directly contribute to the
18 successful transition of young people into productive adults;
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20 WHEREAS, FFA participants report having more confidence
21 and positive self-identity, greater control in their lives
22 and a better ability to make decisions independently; and

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

1 meaning;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in
4 recognition of the contribution of the FFA to the state,
5 February 22, 2017 be declared "FFA Day" in the house of
6 representatives; and

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

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