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HOUSE MEMORIAL 43

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 6, 2017 "BERNALILLO COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, located in central New Mexico,  
is rich in history and culture, stretching from the east  
mountain area of the Sandia mountains to the volcanic cliffs on  
the west mesa; and

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county was founded in 1852 as an  
agricultural community based on eight original land grants; and

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county's official seal depicts eight  
sheep representing the original land grants; and

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county designated the sheep "BernCo  
Bernie" as the official spokes-sheep for quality-of-life  
outreach initiatives in the county; and

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county is one of the smaller counties

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1 in New Mexico, consisting of one thousand one hundred sixty  
2 square miles and, at the same time, has the highest population  
3 with more than six hundred seventy-six thousand residents; and

4 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county government is an effective  
5 steward of county resources and a partner in creating a high  
6 quality of life for county residents, communities and  
7 businesses; and

8 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county holds government accountability  
9 and transparency in high esteem and values good stewardship of  
10 taxpayer dollars; and

11 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county offers a community where the  
12 safety of its residents is a priority; and

13 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county offers public infrastructure,  
14 support systems and services to meet community needs; and

15 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county strives for a community with  
16 physically healthy and active citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county offers numerous services,  
18 outstanding parks, recreation and open-space facilities and is  
19 the steward of the cultural assets within its boundaries; and

20 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county is a driver of economic  
21 development and land use and development in central New Mexico;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, since 2012, the Bernalillo county commission has  
24 supported forty-three projects that have created more than  
25 three thousand two hundred new jobs and more than six hundred

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1 sixty-four million dollars (\$664,000,000) in new private  
2 investment activity; and

3 WHEREAS, the state legislature has invested more than  
4 twenty-one million dollars (\$21,000,000) for infrastructure and  
5 community building projects in Bernalillo county since 2012;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 6,  
8 2017 be declared "Bernalillo County Day" in the house of  
9 representatives; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bernalillo county be  
11 recognized as a major economic and cultural crossroads in the  
12 southwest; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the chair of the Bernalillo county commission.