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2	53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017
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10	A MEMORIAL
11	DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2017 "NEW MEXICO CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
12	DAY" IN THE SENATE AND CELEBRATING THE FOUNDATION'S TWENTY-
13	FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.
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15	WHEREAS, New Mexico residents are blessed to live in a
16	state that ranks in the top tier for the beauty of its
17	landscapes, the richness of its culture and the natural
18	resources of its lands; and
19	WHEREAS, too many of New Mexico's youngest residents do
20	not have the opportunity to live safe and healthy lives with
21	bright futures; and
22	WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation strives to
23	improve the lives of children; and
24	WHEREAS, former first lady Alice King, wife of former
25	Governor Bruce King, created the New Mexico children's
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foundation in 1992 because of her unfailing resolve to support and nurture New Mexico's children; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the New Mexico children's foundation is to support small programs statewide that serve the physical, mental, educational and social needs of children and their families and to improve the lives of children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation is celebrating its twenty-fifth year as a visionary, nonprofit, grassroots organization that provides meaningful grants to nonprofit children's organizations throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation has contributed over one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in small grants to more than one hundred fifty nonprofit organizations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the foundation's grants have supported programs that deal with suicide prevention; support for families and children who are grieving the loss of a loved one; courtappointed special advocates who represent children in foster care; summer camps for children impacted by human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome; and summer programs for rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation provides basic necessities such as shoes; back-to-school supplies; emergency shelter for children and families; after-school

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programs that provide a safe and nurturing environment; science programs that complement school programs; libraries in rural areas; literacy programs for children and families; and many other programs that enrich the lives of children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the board of directors of the New Mexico children's foundation works tirelessly to raise money through private donations and special events;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico children's foundation be recognized on its twenty-fifth anniversary for its tireless efforts on behalf of the children and families of New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 31, 2017 be declared "New Mexico Children's Foundation Day" in the senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the board chair of the New Mexico children's foundation.

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