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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROGRAM; DECLARING
FEBRUARY 5, 2018 "NATIONAL HISTORY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, national history day has been the premier
history research contest with a national scope for more than
thirty years; and

WHEREAS, national history day supports social studies
classrooms in public, private and charter schools in both
urban and rural communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, more than four thousand five hundred students
aged nine to eighteen participate in national history day
programs in nearly fifty schools statewide; and

WHEREAS, national history day students develop college
and career readiness in areas of scholarly research,
analysis, synthesis, critical thinking, reading, writing,
time management and orally defending their work; and

WHEREAS, many national history day students develop
technology-based skills, such as web development, filmmaking
and incorporating digital media in nondigital projects; and

WHEREAS, national history day students show improved
test scores across subject areas, including reading, writing,
science and math; and

WHEREAS, national history day students demonstrate

1 perseverance, often spending an entire academic year
2 developing and revising projects; and

3 WHEREAS, national history day inspires interest and
4 value in history as well as a more mature perspective on
5 current events and the dispositions needed in an informed
6 citizenry; and

7 WHEREAS, the national history day program instills
8 confidence in students for a number of applied skills, such
9 as communication, organization, collaboration, evaluation,
10 planning and general knowledge; and

11 WHEREAS, national history day encourages students to
12 engage with civic institutions, such as libraries, museums,
13 archives and institutions of higher learning; and

14 WHEREAS, the academic benefits of participating in
15 national history day can continue long after the student has
16 left the program;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in
19 recognition of the contributions of national history day to
20 the state, February 5, 2018 be declared "National History
21 Day" in the house of representatives; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to New Mexico's national history day sponsoring
24 organization, the New Mexico humanities council. _____