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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 7, 2018 "YMCA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, for over one hundred years, the New Mexico state alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of communities in New Mexico through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility programs; and

WHEREAS, more and more New Mexicans are turning to their local YMCA for education and support on nutrition and for programs to help manage diabetes and other chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, more than twenty-three thousand individuals benefit directly each year from the YMCA's extensive programs for all ages and abilities, including early childhood education, job-readiness programs for teens and health and wellness support for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, more than ten thousand youth benefit each year from various programs, including YMCA after-school enrichment, youth summer camp, youth in government, developmental sports, teen centers and programs that connect youth to the outdoors, such as earth service corps and camp Shaver; and

WHEREAS, more than one thousand four hundred individuals volunteer at YMCAs each year, donating thousands of hours of

1 time and expertise, making the YMCA one of the largest
2 volunteer-driven and volunteer-led organizations in New
3 Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, each YMCA is a 501(c)(3) charitable
5 organization governed by a local volunteer board whose
6 directors give generously of their time and money because
7 they believe that, every day, the YMCA is working to meet the
8 most pressing needs in their communities, from addressing
9 health and education disparities to providing critical
10 services and support to underserved populations; and

11 WHEREAS, more than five hundred thousand dollars
12 (\$500,000) has been awarded in financial aid so that anyone,
13 regardless of ability to pay, can participate in the YMCA
14 through financial aid programs supported by donations to the
15 annual campaign from YMCA members, community members and
16 community partners;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 7,
19 2018 be declared "YMCA Day" in the house of representatives
20 in recognition of the important role that the YMCA plays in
21 providing community programs and support to youth, families
22 and adults throughout New Mexico; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs. _____