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HOUSE MEMORIAL 37

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 4, 2020 "4-H DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth organization in the world with seven million youth members and six hundred three thousand volunteer leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has been a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico for over one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, 4-H sponsors clubs in rural and urban areas throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, more than thirty thousand youths between the ages of five and eighteen participate in 4-H youth development programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, more than three thousand volunteers aid 4-H youth development programs, and more than two hundred projects are

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1 available in New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, 4-H youth development programs are diverse and
3 help participants acquire important life skills, including
4 leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking,
5 problem-solving, decision-making, conflict resolution and
6 communication skills, that directly contribute to the
7 successful transition of young people into productive adults;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, 4-H participants report having greater confidence
10 and a more positive self-identity, stating that they have
11 greater control over events in their lives and a better ability
12 to make decisions on their own, that they set goals and take
13 responsibility for their actions, that they can take pride in
14 many things and that their lives have purpose and meaning; and

15 WHEREAS, 4-H projects are offered in creative arts, health
16 and nutrition, natural science, plants and animals,
17 communications and many more areas; and

18 WHEREAS, the objective of 4-H is to teach members how to
19 think, not what to think;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition
22 of the contributions of 4-H to the state, February 4, 2020 be
23 declared "4-H Day" in the house of representatives; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to New Mexico state university's 4-H youth

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