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

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 13, 2020 "COLONIAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND HER CABINET TO  
ASSIST LOCAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN NEW  
MEXICO BY ADDING RURAL COMMUNITIES AND COLONIAS TO THE STATE'S  
PRIORITY ACTION LIST OF PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, residents of rural and colonias communities  
statewide face harsh challenges on a daily basis, but they are  
proud people who are reluctant to ask for help; and

WHEREAS, individual counties continue to undertake  
independent and ambitious infrastructure improvement plans  
designed to enhance social and economic development  
opportunities for all residents of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, by initiating a statewide improvement program for  
rural and colonias communities, the state could partner with

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1 the thirty-three counties to empower these small communities  
2 and dramatically improve the quality of life in them, while  
3 simultaneously creating new entrepreneurial zones that will  
4 complement existing projects in incorporated municipalities;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 13,  
7 2020 be recognized as "Colonias Day" in the house of  
8 representatives; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Michelle Lujan  
10 Grisham and her cabinet be requested to work with the board of  
11 directors of New Mexico counties to assist local efforts to  
12 improve the quality of life in the state and to add  
13 improvements for rural communities and colonias to the state's  
14 priority action list of programs for legislative funding; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the governor and the board of directors of New  
17 Mexico counties.