A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2022 "INNOVATION IN RIO RANCHO DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the city of Rio Rancho began as a retirement community called Rio Rancho estates in the early 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the city of Rio Rancho became an incorporated municipality in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Rio Rancho is the third-largest city in New Mexico, now with a population of slightly more than one hundred four thousand residents; and

WHEREAS, Rio Rancho is nationally recognized as one of the best places to live in the United States and has a variety of recreational and award-winning quality of life amenities that residents of all ages enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Rio Rancho has a growing business community that includes innovators in many industries, such as Intel, Lectrosonics, Insight lighting, Aeroparts manufacturing, Aersale component solutions, Green Theme technologies, Nature's toolbox, Stainless motors and Senspex, and is home to the university of New Mexico health sciences' new, cutting-edge center of excellence for orthopaedic surgery and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Rio Rancho is a leader in education with an excellent public school district and higher education

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opportunities at the university of New Mexico health sciences center, central New Mexico community college and New Mexico highlands university; and

WHEREAS, through all of the innovation, Rio Rancho can be called "the city of vision";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 2, 2022 be declared "Innovation in Rio Rancho Day" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the mayor of Rio Rancho, members of the Rio Rancho city council, the Rio Rancho city manager and the president and chief executive officer of the Rio Rancho regional chamber of commerce.

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