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56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING FEBRUARY 6, 2023 AS "VALENCIA COUNTY DAY" IN THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Valencia county is part of the Rio Abajo; and

WHEREAS, Valencia county is the home of the largest
matanza in the United States, and the matanza is a symbol of
the rich Spanish heritage of the Rio Grande valley; and

WHEREAS, Valencia county is the home of the famous Tome
land grant, which the king of Spain granted to thirty families
in 1739; and

WHEREAS, the village of Los Lunas was founded by Spaniards
in the seventeenth century; and

WHEREAS, Belen is officially known as "Nuestra Señora de
Belen", or "Our Lady of Belen"; and

WHEREAS, Belen means "Bethlehem" in Spanish; and

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1 WHEREAS, Belen was a strategic point along the Camino
2 Real, also known as the "Royal Road", which carved a trade
3 route south into Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, Belen has gained the nickname "hub city" because
5 of the Belen cutoff of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe
6 railway, now known as the BNSF railway company; and

7 WHEREAS, Bosque Farms was a destination for relocated dust
8 bowl refugees; and

9 WHEREAS, Bosque Farms strives to be a sparsely populated,
10 agricultural community; and

11 WHEREAS, Peralta was the site of a minor engagement during
12 the American civil war; and

13 WHEREAS, Rio Communities is home to Valencia county's only
14 golf course, Tierra del Sol; and

15 WHEREAS, Valencia county is home to the decalogue stone,
16 which contains an inscription that is interpreted to be an
17 abridged version of the ten commandments in a form of the
18 Paleo-Hebrew alphabet; and

19 WHEREAS, Valencia county houses two museums, the Belen
20 Harvey house museum and the Los Lunas museum of heritage and
21 arts; and

22 WHEREAS, Valencia county is home to parts of the Cibola
23 national forest and the Manzano wilderness; and

24 WHEREAS, Valencia county is renowned for its agriculture;
25 and

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