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HOUSE MEMORIAL 16

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 7, 2017 "4-H DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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 fifty thousand youths between the ages of five and eighteen participate in 4-H youth development programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, 4-H youth development programs are diverse and help participants acquire important life skills, including leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, conflict resolution and communication skills, that directly contribute to the

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1 successful transition of young people into productive adults;
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3 WHEREAS, 4-H participants report having greater confidence
4 and a more positive self-identity, stating that they have
5 greater control over events in their lives and a better ability
6 to make decisions on their own, that they set goals and take
7 responsibility for their actions, that they can take pride in
8 many things and that their lives have purpose and meaning;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition
11 of the contributions of 4-H to the state, February 7, 2017 be
12 declared "4-H Day" in the house of representatives; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to New Mexico state university's 4-H youth
15 development organization.