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SENATE MEMORIAL 15

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

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A MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING FEBRUARY 15, 2017 AS "I HEART CAREGIVERS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, one in five New Mexicans serves as a family caregiver during any given year; and

WHEREAS, each year, an estimated four hundred nineteen thousand adults in the state provide an estimated two hundred fifty-seven million hours of unpaid family caregiving at an estimated value of over three billion one hundred million dollars (\$3,100,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the governor and the aging and long-term services department released the *New Mexico State Plan for Family Caregivers* in 2015, which identifies unpaid lay caregiver issues and needs; and

WHEREAS, AARP New Mexico has been a leader in addressing

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1 lay caregiver issues and needs and is bringing volunteers and
2 partners together to raise awareness and develop specific
3 recommendations; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2015, the legislature addressed a family
5 caregiver issue of concern and enacted legislation to allow for
6 the designation and training of lay caregivers to provide care
7 to patients after discharge; and

8 WHEREAS, the *New Mexico State Plan for Family Caregivers*
9 provides recommendations for future action; and

10 WHEREAS, unpaid lay caregivers need to be recognized for
11 their work;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
13 OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2017 be commemorated as "I
14 Heart Caregivers Day" in the senate; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the AARP New Mexico state office and the
17 secretary of aging and long-term services.