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SENATE MEMORIAL 49

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 16, 2016 TO BE "COLONIAS DAY" IN THE SENATE 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 SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that February 16, 2016 be recognized as "Colonias
7 Day" in the senate; and

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

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