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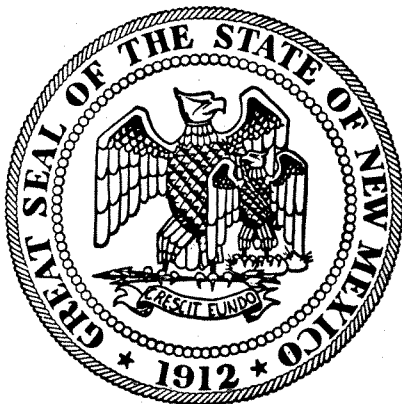
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HOUSE MEMORIAL 5

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1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2008 AS "FARM WORKERS' DAY" AT THE HOUSE
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, agriculture's contribution to New Mexico's
6 heritage and economic health is well known; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2005 the farm and ranch community had
8 product sales totaling two billion six hundred million dollars
9 (\$2,600,000,000); and

10 WHEREAS, major farm production in New Mexico includes
11 cattle, sheep and wool, dairies and dairy products, alfalfa
12 and other hays, wheat, sorghum, cotton, chile, pecans,
13 lettuce, corn and onions; and

14 WHEREAS, the production of many of these products would
15 not be possible without the approximately twelve thousand farm
16 and ranch workers in New Mexico; and

17 WHEREAS, farm and ranch workers in New Mexico have been
18 tending crops and livestock for more than ninety years, when
19 large-scale agriculture began in this state; and

20 WHEREAS, during this time, farm and ranch workers have
21 been the backbone of much of the farming and ranching
22 industry; and

23 WHEREAS, farm and ranch workers labor in one of the most
24 dangerous occupations in the nation, and each year one hundred
25 twenty thousand agricultural workers throughout the country

1 suffer disabling injuries from work-related accidents; and

2 WHEREAS, many farm and ranch workers receive little
3 recognition for their work; and

4 WHEREAS, all New Mexicans benefit from the labor of farm
5 and ranch workers;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,
8 2008 be declared "Farm Workers' Day" at the house of
9 representatives to honor the hardworking people whose role in
10 New Mexico's economy is of great importance to all residents
11 of the state.

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