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HOUSE MEMORIAL 40

Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE JAMES W. HALL

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT FEBRUARY 8, 2012 BE DECLARED "SUPPORT THE NEW
3 MEXICO ALLIANCE OF YMCAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
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5 WHEREAS, for over ten decades, New Mexico's alliance of
6 young men's Christian associations, also known as YMCA, have
7 strengthened the foundations of community through programs and
8 services that foster youth development, healthy living and
9 social responsibility; and

10 WHEREAS, more New Mexicans are turning to their YMCA to
11 become healthier and to support their desire to live a
12 healthier lifestyle; and

13 WHEREAS, more than eight thousand eight hundred families
14 benefit directly each year from the extensive programming for
15 all ages and interest groups, from toddler activities to teen
16 programs to fitness and wellness opportunities for senior
17 citizens, offered by their YMCAs; and

18 WHEREAS, more than seven thousand seven hundred youth
19 benefit each year from programs such as YMCA after-school
20 care, Y basketball, Y volleyball, character counts!, youth and
21 government, YES corps, counselor-in-training, Y summer camp,
22 teen programs and teen centers, Camp Shaver and many other
23 character-building and youth-development programs; and

24 WHEREAS, more than one thousand nine hundred individuals
25 volunteer at YMCAs each year, making the YMCA one of the

1 largest volunteer-led and -driven organizations in New Mexico;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the YMCA is governed by a local volunteer board
4 of directors who give generously of their time, money and
5 effort so that residents of New Mexico, as responsible members
6 of their families and communities, may develop self-
7 confidence, self-respect and an awareness of the rights and
8 worth of every individual; may appreciate that physical and
9 mental health are divine gifts that should be maintained
10 through healthy living and spiritual growth; and may develop
11 and use their capacities for leadership; and

12 WHEREAS, the YMCA's ability to remain available to
13 everyone, regardless of ability to pay, depends wholly upon
14 continued community support, partially through supporters like
15 united way, but also through YMCA memberships and program
16 support and through new construction, expansion and
17 renovation, most recently in Española, Los Alamos,
18 Albuquerque, Rio Rancho and Clovis;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in
21 recognition of the important role that the YMCA plays in
22 providing community programs and support to youth, families
23 and adults throughout New Mexico, February 8, 2012 be declared
24 "Support the New Mexico Alliance of YMCAs Day" in the house of
25 representatives; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the governor.



BEN LUJÁN, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES