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HOUSE MEMORIAL 18

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE FFA YOUTH ORGANIZATION; DECLARING FEBRUARY 14,  
2013 "FFA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, FFA, formerly future farmers of America, has been  
a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico for more  
than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, FFA sponsors chapters in rural and urban areas  
throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, more than five thousand youths between twelve and  
twenty-one years of age participate in FFA youth development  
programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, FFA youth development programs are diverse and  
help participants to acquire important life skills, such as  
leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking, problem  
solving, decision-making, conflict resolution and communication

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1 skills, that directly contribute to the successful transition  
2 of young people into productive adults; and

3 WHEREAS, FFA participants report having more confidence  
4 and positive self-identity, greater control in their lives and  
5 a better ability to make decisions independently; and

6 WHEREAS, those participants also report that they set  
7 goals and take responsibility for their actions, they take  
8 pride in many things and 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 contribution of FFA to the state, February 14, 2013 be  
12 declared "FFA Day" in the house of representatives; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to New Mexico's FFA organization.