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HOUSE MEMORIAL 59

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 8, 2017 "FLORENCE JARAMILLO DAY" IN THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the month of March is national women's history  
month; and

WHEREAS, women in New Mexico have, and continue to make,  
significant contributions to improving life in the state and  
outside New Mexico's borders; and

WHEREAS, more than one-half of the restaurants in this  
country have women as owners or co-owners; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics from the New Mexico  
restaurant association, restaurants accounted for eighty-seven  
thousand jobs in New Mexico and eleven percent of the  
employment in the state; and

WHEREAS, restaurants employ more minority and female

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1 managers than any other industry in the state; and

2 WHEREAS, one New Mexico female restaurateur stands out for  
3 her contributions to the state's restaurant industry by  
4 creating jobs, paying wages and being a positive force in her  
5 community; and

6 WHEREAS, Florence Jaramillo had a vision for a restaurant  
7 that would preserve the rich traditions of her family and proud  
8 culture leading to the birth of Rancho de Chimayo; and

9 WHEREAS, Rancho de Chimayo was honored as one of New  
10 Mexico's culinary treasures, one of only a handful of  
11 restaurants awarded this wonderful distinction; and

12 WHEREAS, Florence Jaramillo and Rancho de Chimayo received  
13 the James Beard foundation America's classics award for  
14 excellence and achievement in the culinary field and furthered  
15 the foundation's mission to celebrate, nurture and honor  
16 America's diverse heritage through programs that educate and  
17 inspire; and

18 WHEREAS, Florence Jaramillo and Rancho de Chimayo have  
19 stood the test of time and are beloved in the community and  
20 throughout New Mexico and beyond; and

21 WHEREAS, Florence Jaramillo, also known as Mrs. J to her  
22 customers, friends, family and staff, is legendary for her  
23 original gastronomic creations, warm hospitality and integral  
24 role in bringing New Mexico cuisine into the international  
25 spotlight; and

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1 WHEREAS, Florence served on the national restaurant  
2 association board of directors for many years, representing New  
3 Mexico restaurants;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 8, 2017  
6 be declared "Florence Jaramillo Day" in the house of  
7 representatives; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Florence Jaramillo be  
9 recognized for her many contributions to the New Mexico  
10 restaurant industry and the celebration of fifty-plus years of  
11 being a family-owned New Mexico institution; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to Florence Jaramillo and her family, and the  
14 management team and staff at Rancho de Chimayo.