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SENATE MEMORIAL 54

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 9, 2015 "UNM DAY" IN THE SENATE IN
RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'S DEDICATION TO
EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF NEW
MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico was founded in 1889;
and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is the state's
flagship research institution, serving thirty-six thousand
seven hundred twenty-two students and employing twenty-two
thousand fifty-seven New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico enrolls forty-eight
percent of New Mexico college students in four-year
institutions and has the highest four-year, five-year and six-
year graduation rates in New Mexico; and

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1 WHEREAS, university of New Mexico students attain forty-
2 four percent of the state's baccalaureate degrees and seventy-
3 seven percent of the state's doctoral and first professional
4 degrees; and

5 WHEREAS, there are more than one hundred fifty-nine
6 thousand active alumni, with lobos in every state and nearly
7 one hundred countries; and

8 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico provides a research-
9 driven education whereby faculty members engage in the
10 investigation and scholarship that create new knowledge; and

11 WHEREAS, *Hispanic Business Magazine* has ranked the
12 university of New Mexico in the top ten in the country for best
13 business school, best engineering school, best law school and
14 best medical school; and

15 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico health sciences
16 center is the largest academic health complex in the state,
17 combining education, research, patient care and community
18 outreach to provide New Mexicans with the highest level of
19 health care; and

20 WHEREAS, since 2008, the university of New Mexico has
21 received over two billion one hundred million dollars
22 (\$2,100,000,000) in contracts and research awards; and

23 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico filed for six
24 hundred sixty-seven patents and was issued two hundred ninety-
25 six patents; and

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WHEREAS, the goal of the university of New Mexico's 2020 vision plan is a sustained culture of innovation committed to developing solutions to society's complex problems through research and generating new knowledge and then taking those solutions into the marketplace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2015 be declared "UNM Day" in the senate and that the university of New Mexico be commended for its service and dedication to the residents of New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the president of the university of New Mexico.