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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 25, 2016 "UNM DAY" IN THE SENATE IN
RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'S DEDICATION TO
EDUCATION, RESEARCH, HEALTH 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
students and employing twenty-two thousand 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

WHEREAS, university of New Mexico students attain forty-

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1 four percent of the state's baccalaureate degrees and seventy-
2 seven percent of the state's doctoral and first professional
3 degrees; and

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, since 2008, the university of New Mexico has
20 received over two billion four hundred million dollars
21 (\$2,400,000,000) in contracts and research awards; and

22 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico filed for ninety-
23 nine patents and was issued forty-six patents; and

24 WHEREAS, in total, the university of New Mexico has filed
25 for one thousand two hundred eleven patents, has been issued

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1 four hundred fifty-four patents and has spun off ninety start-
2 up companies; and

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

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
9 OF NEW MEXICO that January 25, 2016 be declared "UNM Day" in
10 the senate and that the university of New Mexico be commended
11 for its service and dedication to the residents of New Mexico;
12 and

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