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HOUSE MEMORIAL 39

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY'S QUASQUICENTENNIAL  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON  
THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS, western New Mexico university was founded on  
February 11, 1893 as a state normal school for the training of  
teachers in the thriving southwestern New Mexico mining  
communities; and

WHEREAS, for one hundred twenty-five years, western New  
Mexico university has made important contributions to New  
Mexico; and

WHEREAS, western New Mexico university is situated in the  
shadows of the Gila national forest, near the continental  
divide; and

WHEREAS, western New Mexico university is recognized today

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1 as New Mexico's only public applied liberal arts and sciences  
2 institution and has been continuously accredited since 1942 by  
3 the higher learning commission; and

4 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university, a Hispanic-serving  
5 institution, has made enormous contributions to the state's  
6 cultural, intellectual, social and educational growth of its  
7 residents while remaining firmly attached to its community  
8 roots; and

9 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university continues to  
10 educate and train thousands of students and professionals in  
11 the region through a dedication to educational excellence and  
12 academic proficiency and a commitment to community that has  
13 been demonstrated for one hundred twenty-five years; and

14 WHEREAS, located in Silver City, western New Mexico  
15 university has served the people of New Mexico and its  
16 surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public  
17 university since 1893 and is committed to continuing this  
18 service toward a student population diverse in age, culture,  
19 language and ethnic background;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that western New  
22 Mexico university's quasiquicentennial be recognized in the  
23 house of representatives to serve as an opportunity to reflect  
24 on the past, present and future contributions of the  
25 university; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the board of county commissioners of Grant county and the president of western New Mexico university.

