

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INCREASE
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN INDIAN POLYTECHNIC
INSTITUTE.

WHEREAS, a post-secondary funding formula was legislated
by the United States congress on September 23, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the post-secondary funding formula from
September 23, 1999 was agreed to by the office of Indian
education programs, now the bureau of Indian education; and

WHEREAS, the post-secondary funding formula is a needs-
based formula developed by experts in education finance and is
based on sound economic principles of higher education
finance; and

WHEREAS, the post-secondary funding formula from
September 23, 1999, though legislated and agreed to, has never
been implemented due to lack of increased funding; and

WHEREAS, the southwestern Indian polytechnic institute
in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Haskell Indian nations
university in Lawrence, Kansas, as federally operated
institutions, receive congressional appropriation funds
through the United States department of the interior; and

WHEREAS, the United States department of the interior
divides the funds for these two schools in a one-third, two-
thirds split, with one-third going to southwestern Indian

polytechnic institute regardless of student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, southwestern Indian polytechnic institute is funded at six million seven hundred sixteen thousand one hundred twenty-three dollars (\$6,716,123), although the 2009 post-secondary funding formula documents a funding requirement of seven million eight hundred ninety-four thousand three hundred eighteen dollars (\$7,894,318) to operate southwestern Indian polytechnic institute; and

WHEREAS, without an increase in funding, funding for southwestern Indian polytechnic institute will continue to be one million one hundred seventy-eight thousand one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$1,178,195) below its basic operating needs; and

WHEREAS, despite the growth in the number of programs and student credit hours being provided by southwestern Indian polytechnic institute, the funding has remained the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be urged to increase appropriations for the southwestern Indian polytechnic institute by adding a ten-million-dollar (\$10,000,000) line item with the United States department of the interior's bureau of Indian education for southwestern Indian polytechnic institute and by using the post-secondary funding formula pursuant to Public Law 109-54;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the office of the governor, the Indian affairs department and the United States department of the interior's bureau of Indian education.