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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY BE DESIGNATED THE  
12 PUBLIC APPLIED LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES UNIVERSITY IN NEW  
13 MEXICO.

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15 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university is strongly  
16 committed to workforce and career education in its professional  
17 programs and applied technology and is also committed to  
18 excellence in providing essential skills embedded in broad  
19 applied liberal arts and sciences curricula; and

20 WHEREAS, employers across all occupations consistently  
21 identify communication, critical thinking, quantitative  
22 reasoning, the ability to work successfully in teams, the  
23 practical application of knowledge and adaptability as the core  
24 skills needed for work and career success, along with ethical  
25 and socially responsible behaviors; and

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1           WHEREAS, these skills and behaviors are the basic goals  
2 and outcomes of western New Mexico university's applied liberal  
3 arts and sciences education; and

4           WHEREAS, western New Mexico university graduates must  
5 compete in a global economy with accelerating change brought  
6 about by technology and new knowledge; and

7           WHEREAS, knowledge of the individual's place in the world  
8 and understanding of the human journey is a fundamental  
9 obligation of a university education, and that knowledge is the  
10 foundation for success and happiness in life; and

11           WHEREAS, New Mexico does not have a public four-year  
12 higher education institution designated with the specific  
13 liberal arts and sciences identity; and

14           WHEREAS, the council of public liberal arts colleges is a  
15 consortium of public colleges and universities that advances  
16 the aims of its member institutions and drives awareness of the  
17 value of public liberal arts education in a student-centered,  
18 residential environment; and

19           WHEREAS, the specific designation as the public applied  
20 liberal arts and sciences university in New Mexico would  
21 advance western New Mexico university's membership in the  
22 prestigious council of public liberal arts colleges and would  
23 add to the state's higher education reputation; and

24           WHEREAS, western New Mexico university's faculty, staff  
25 and administration have established focused and connected

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1 applied liberal arts and sciences core curricula that ensure  
2 that its graduates:

3 A. understand themselves within the cultural,  
4 philosophical, social, political, scientific, artistic, civic,  
5 moral, ethical and sustainable dimensions of the past, present  
6 and future;

7 B. possess a high-quality education and training in  
8 specific career and workforce areas;

9 C. acquire the essential intellectual, adaptability  
10 and behavioral skills employers need;

11 D. demonstrate the ability to make practical  
12 application of their knowledge and training for immediate  
13 employment with a foundation for long-term success and lifelong  
14 learning; and

15 E. are prepared to use their knowledge,  
16 understanding and skills to contribute to their communities,  
17 state and nation as productive and civically engaged  
18 individuals; and

19 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university is committed to  
20 sustaining through assessment and continuous improvement its  
21 identity as New Mexico's public applied liberal arts and  
22 sciences university;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that western New Mexico university be  
25 designated as the public applied liberal arts and sciences

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1 university in New Mexico; and

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

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