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SENATE MEMORIAL 72

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 17, 2017 "NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has been an important educational, cultural, social and economic asset in New Mexico and particularly northern New Mexico since 1893; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university serves nearly four thousand students and has nearly five hundred fifty employees at the school's main campus and centers; and

WHEREAS, the vision of New Mexico highlands university is to be a premier university, transforming lives and communities now and for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the core values of New Mexico highlands university are excellence, diversity, accessibility and responsiveness; and

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1 WHEREAS, the priorities of New Mexico highlands university
2 are: academic excellence, academic integration and student
3 success; strategic enrollment management; vibrant campus and
4 university life; community partnerships; technological
5 advancement and innovation; and enhanced communication and
6 efficiency across the university; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university effectively
8 serves students across the state, online and on its campuses
9 and centers in Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Farmington, Rio Rancho,
10 Albuquerque and Roswell; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university educates many
12 first-generation students, transforming their lives and the
13 lives of their families and future generations; and

14 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has many active
15 alumni, representing every state and many countries, and seeks
16 to effectively reach out to all alumni through the
17 establishment of a vibrant alumni association board of
18 directors; and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university is home to the
20 vatos rugby team, a club sport team that won back-to-back
21 national championship titles in 2015 and 2016 at the national
22 small college rugby organization's seven-on-seven tournaments;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the vatos rugby team has won eighty percent of
25 its matches in the team's twenty-five-year history, and

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1 graduated eighty percent of its players from New Mexico
2 highlands university; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Dick Greene of New Mexico highlands
4 university has been selected from among the best scientists in
5 the nation as a Jefferson science fellow by the national
6 academies of science, engineering and medicine, and will work
7 with the United States agency for international development;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university awarded over five
10 million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$5,700,000) in
11 scholarships and grants to students during the 2015-2016
12 academic cycle; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university is a Hispanic-
14 serving institution, with more than fifty percent enrolled
15 Hispanic students, and strives to be a Native American-serving
16 institution, with nearly eight percent enrolled Native American
17 students; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has been awarded
19 about fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in grants since
20 2015; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university welcomes students
22 from northern New Mexico, all of New Mexico, the United States
23 and the world;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
25 OF NEW MEXICO that February 17, 2017 be declared "New Mexico

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1 Highlands University Day" in the senate; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico highlands
3 university be commended for its service and dedication to the
4 residents of New Mexico; and

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

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