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SENATE MEMORIAL 51

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF GARREY E. CARRUTHERS, PH.D.

WHEREAS, Garrey E. Carruthers, Ph.D., who has risen to the top leadership post of every enterprise in which he has been involved, will retire as chancellor and president of New Mexico state university, the crown jewel of New Mexico's universities and the state's land grant institution, on July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Carruthers refers to the campus as his "Aggie stomping grounds", having first attended there in 1957, and having met his wife, Kathy, as a student there; and

WHEREAS, he obtained both a baccalaureate degree and master's degree while attending New Mexico state university; and

WHEREAS, he left New Mexico for a brief time, arriving in Ames, Iowa, to garner a doctorate in economics from Iowa state

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1 university; and

2 WHEREAS, he was encouraged to apply for and was selected  
3 as a white house fellow, undergoing a prestigious and  
4 competitive selection process, and was appointed to serve with  
5 the Honorable Earl Butz, United States secretary of  
6 agriculture; and

7 WHEREAS, he returned to teaching, where he was an award-  
8 winning teacher, beloved by most students and considered a  
9 consummate advisor and mentor; and

10 WHEREAS, he served as state chair of the Republican party  
11 of New Mexico from 1977 to 1979; and

12 WHEREAS, he was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to be  
13 an assistant secretary of the United States department of the  
14 interior, overseeing the bureau of land management, bureau of  
15 reclamation and office of water policy, serving in Washington,  
16 D.C., for four years; and

17 WHEREAS, he returned to the land of enchantment after  
18 being recruited by a group of business people to seek the  
19 governor's seat in 1986; and

20 WHEREAS, he won handily on a ticket with Jack Stahl, a  
21 former member of both chambers of the New Mexico legislature,  
22 becoming New Mexico's twenty-seventh governor; and

23 WHEREAS, he selected the highly regarded Maralyn Budke,  
24 former director of the legislative finance committee, as his  
25 chief of staff; and

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1           WHEREAS, he took the oath of office in the New Mexico  
2 supreme court building, resided in the roundhouse for three  
3 years and finished his term on the top floor of the public  
4 employees retirement association building; and

5           WHEREAS, he was known to be a congenial governor,  
6 respectful of the balance of powers, but occasionally having  
7 some fun with house members; and

8           WHEREAS, he and Kathy Carruthers received the king and  
9 queen of Spain, Juan Carlos and Sophia, on their only visit to  
10 New Mexico in 1987; and

11           WHEREAS, he was selected to oversee the first free  
12 elections to be held in Romania; and

13           WHEREAS, he signed significant legislation to include  
14 recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. day, opportunities for  
15 minority doctoral programs and fostering research and  
16 development; and

17           WHEREAS; he served as chair of the border governors'  
18 association and the education commission of the states; and

19           WHEREAS, after serving New Mexico as governor, he ventured  
20 into the private sector in the health care insurance industry;  
21 and

22           WHEREAS, in 2003, he returned to the "Yale of the yuccas"  
23 as dean of the New Mexico state university college of business;  
24 and

25           WHEREAS, he was at the helm of the college of business

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1 when New Mexico state university was reaccredited by the  
2 American association of colleges and schools of business; and

3 WHEREAS, he became president of New Mexico state  
4 university in 2013, becoming the university's twenty-seventh  
5 president; and

6 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in starting the Pete V.  
7 Domenici public policy institute, of which he currently serves  
8 as director; and

9 WHEREAS, he was associated with the following initiatives  
10 and honors during his tenure as chancellor of New Mexico state  
11 university: Aggie development, incorporated; all about  
12 discovery; Arrowhead center; Burrell college of osteopathic  
13 medicine; selection to receive the community engagement  
14 classification from the Carnegie foundation for the advancement  
15 of teaching; ignite Aggie discovery campaign; and transforming  
16 New Mexico state university into the twenty-first century  
17 university initiative; and

18 WHEREAS, he plans to travel around New Mexico in his 1967  
19 Mustang with Kathy, seeking new adventures and traveling roads  
20 he has not yet traversed; and

21 WHEREAS, he plans to play every golf course in New Mexico  
22 before he hangs up his cleats; and

23 WHEREAS, he loves the state of New Mexico and New Mexico  
24 state university; and

25 WHEREAS, he will be remembered for many of his favorite

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1 sayings that include: "Yesterday is something I never thought  
2 of trying..." (Kris Kristofferson); "travelin' light" and "You  
3 have to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em" (Kenny  
4 Rogers, "The Gambler"); from the cowboy code of ethics (James  
5 P. Owen), "Live each day with courage"; and "I must hurry and  
6 catch them, for I am their leader.";

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
8 OF NEW MEXICO that recognition and congratulations be extended  
9 to Chancellor Garrey E. Carruthers, Ph.D., on his retirement  
10 from New Mexico state university and for his tireless devotion  
11 to the betterment of New Mexico and its residents; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to Garrey E. Carruthers, Ph.D., chancellor of New  
14 Mexico state university.