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SENATE MEMORIAL 57

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 7, 2019 AS "CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college has provided New Mexicans with access to high-quality and affordable higher education for fifty-four years; and

WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college serves the state's largest undergraduate student body by providing relevant, real-world career and technical training, as well as courses and degrees that transfer to four-year state universities; and

WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college has ranked number one among more than one thousand one hundred two-year colleges in the United States for the number of associate's degrees and certificates earned by both Native Americans and

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1 Hispanics; and central New Mexico community college has ranked
2 number two for overall associate's degrees and certificates
3 awarded; and

4 WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college is New
5 Mexico's most comprehensive community college and offers
6 students various associate's degrees and certificates in
7 eighty-nine fields of study that are designed to meet the needs
8 of our state's economy; and

9 WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college is the
10 number one producer of pre-licensure nursing graduates in New
11 Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college ranks number
13 nine in the nation for the number of early childhood education
14 and teacher education associate's degrees awarded; and

15 WHEREAS, the city of Albuquerque and central New Mexico
16 community college are partnering in an effort to bring a film
17 production center of excellence to downtown Albuquerque to
18 serve the growing workforce needs of the state's film industry;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college was named
21 "Innovator of the Year" by the national higher education
22 publication *Education Dive* for its innovative advancements with
23 blockchain technology, including becoming the first community
24 college in the country to provide students with free,
25 student-owned digital diplomas that students can share securely

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1 and instantly with employers from their smartphones; and

2 WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college has launched
3 a central New Mexico law enforcement academy in partnership
4 with the Albuquerque police department designed to help address
5 the workforce demand for more police cadets throughout central
6 New Mexico while providing a collegiate, high-quality education
7 and training environment for cadets to learn the law
8 enforcement profession; and

9 WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college supports
10 entrepreneurship and early-stage businesses through its
11 ingenuity programs such as the IGNITE Community Accelerator,
12 the FUSE Makerspace, Deep Dive Coding and many other innovative
13 endeavors; and

14 WHEREAS, the college and career high school on central New
15 Mexico community college's main campus, a partnership between
16 central New Mexico community college and Albuquerque public
17 schools, received an "A" rating in 2018 for the fifth straight
18 year from the New Mexico public education department's *Annual*
19 *School Grading Report*; and the high school scored second
20 highest in the state in 2018 among traditional public high
21 schools and third highest among all high schools, including
22 charter schools; and

23 WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college has shown
24 impressive dedication to its vision of "Changing Lives,
25 Building Community"; and

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1 WHEREAS, central New Mexico community college remains
2 dedicated to its mission of being a leader in education and
3 workforce training;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
5 OF NEW MEXICO that it congratulate central New Mexico community
6 college for its many achievements and many valuable
7 contributions to New Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 7, 2019 be declared
9 "Central New Mexico Community College Day" in the senate to
10 honor and showcase the tremendous impacts the college makes on
11 the economic well-being of our state and its citizens; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the president of central New Mexico community
14 college.

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