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A JOINT MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF L.F. "TOW" DIEHM.

WHEREAS, Tow Diehm, whose name is synonymous with the university of New Mexico athletic program, succumbed to pancreatic cancer early on the morning of May 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Tow served as the head trainer for Lobo athletics for thirty-one years beginning in 1957, and from 1988 to the present, served as an associate athletic director at UNM and was instrumental in setting up a school to teach trainers; and

WHEREAS, during that incredible span of forty-one years of his service to UNM, Tow shared his skills, his humor and, more importantly, his friendship with several generations of students and athletes; and

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WHEREAS, as is the case with all great teachers, Tow's influence is illustrated by the employment of many of his former students as head trainers at other schools and universities; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as associate athletic director, Tow's responsibilities included public relations work, fundraising and serving as the athletic department's liaison to the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, Tow played a significant role in acquiring state funds for the new athletic facility immediately adjacent to University stadium, which structure is known as the L.F. "Tow" Diehm Facility; and

WHEREAS, Tow served as chairman of the National Trainers Association and was named a member of the UNM Athletic Hall of Honor, the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame and the Helms Trainers Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, this loyal and gracious man truly embodied the Lobo spirit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that prayers and condolences be extended to Tow Diehm's wife, Pearl, and their two children, Teresa and Gary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to his family.

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