

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS TO
3 STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY AS A
4 VARSITY SPORT.

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6 WHEREAS, Title 9 of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20
7 USC, Sections 1681-1688, has caused disparities between men's
8 and women's collegiate athletic programs; and

9 WHEREAS, women's ice hockey is gaining popularity
10 throughout the country; and

11 WHEREAS, women's ice hockey has been an Olympic sport
12 since the eighteenth winter Olympic games in Nagano, Japan, in
13 1998; and

14 WHEREAS, there are currently limited opportunities for
15 women attending New Mexico state university to play ice
16 hockey; and

17 WHEREAS, the Pan American center at New Mexico state
18 university may provide a possible venue for ice hockey games;
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20 WHEREAS, the addition of women's sports in a timely
21 manner can reduce the likelihood of forcing the termination of
22 other sports programs at a university; and

23 WHEREAS, the proportion of women students at New Mexico
24 state university continues to be approximately fifty-six
25 percent of the student body, and the feasibility of adding

1 women's sports programs should be studied continually;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the board of regents of New Mexico
4 state university be requested to study the feasibility of
5 adapting the Pan American center to accommodate ice hockey
6 games and to study the cost of establishing a division one
7 women's ice hockey program, including a budget for the
8 start-up and annual operating expenses of such a program,
9 including recurring scholarships; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board of regents of New
11 Mexico state university report the results of this study no
12 later than October 31, 2006 to the chief clerk of the senate;
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the president and board of regents of New
16 Mexico state university.

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