

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF COWBOYS FOR CANCER RESEARCH
3 AND NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT ATHLETES TO FUNDING
4 CANCER RESEARCH IN NEW MEXICO BY DECLARING MARCH 11, 2009
5 "TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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7 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research is a volunteer
8 group that was originally organized by retired telephone
9 company workers to honor the memory of Alma Cohorn, the wife
10 of roper Kenneth Cohorn, who died of cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, for more than a quarter of a century, cowboys
12 for cancer research has sponsored team roping and a
13 dinner-dance in Las Cruces to support cancer research at the
14 university of New Mexico and New Mexico state university; and

15 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research has built an
16 endowment worth one million dollars (\$1,000,000), the
17 spendable portion of which is directed to cancer research
18 conducted jointly by the university of New Mexico and
19 New Mexico state university; and

20 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research constitutes the
21 largest single consistent contributor to the university of
22 New Mexico cancer center; and

23 WHEREAS, for the last several years, cowboys for cancer
24 research has joined with New Mexico state university in its
25 "tough enough to wear pink" breast cancer awareness events on

1 campus and at athletic competitions; and

2 WHEREAS, in addition to making financial contributions,
3 men and women can show their support for breast cancer
4 research in a visible way by wearing pink;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that cowboys for cancer research and
7 New Mexico state university student athletes be recognized
8 for their continued support of cancer research in New Mexico;
9 and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that March 11, 2009 be declared
11 "Tough Enough to Wear Pink Day" in the senate. _____

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