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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

     WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research has built an
endowment worth one million dollars ($1,000,000), the spendable

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1   portion of which is directed to cancer research conducted

2   jointly by the university of New Mexico and New Mexico state

3   university; and

4   WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research constitutes the

5   largest single consistent contributor to the university of New

6   Mexico cancer center; and

7   WHEREAS, for the last several years, cowboys for cancer

8   research has joined with New Mexico state university in its

9   "tough enough to wear pink" breast cancer awareness events on

10 campus and at athletic competitions; and

11   WHEREAS, in addition to making financial contributions,

12 men and women can show their support for breast cancer research

13 in a visible way by wearing pink;

14   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that cowboys for

16 cancer research and New Mexico state university student

17 athletes be recognized for their continued support of cancer

18 research in New Mexico; and

19   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that March 2, 2009 be declared

20 "Tough Enough to Wear Pink Day" in the house of

21 representatives.

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