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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO PRESIDENT DAVID SCHMIDLY.

WHEREAS, David J. Schmidly has spent more than forty years of his life in higher education and in the service of advancing knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schmidly is a noted scientific naturalist and mammalogist who has authored nine books on natural history and conservation and more than one hundred scientific articles; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schmidly has served in higher education administration for many years, serving as president of Texas tech university and Oklahoma state university; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schmidly became the twentieth president of the university of New Mexico on June 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, in his five years as university of New Mexico president, Dr. Schmidly has been a tireless advocate for

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1 students, making their success his top priority; and

2 WHEREAS, President Schmidly has championed excellence in
3 faculty research, community engagement and healthy communities;
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5 WHEREAS, President Schmidly has always stressed the
6 "student" in student-athlete, celebrating Lobo athletes'
7 academic success as well as their athletic success; and

8 WHEREAS, President Schmidly, working in concert with
9 faculty, staff, students and the board of regents, guided the
10 university of New Mexico through the recent years of economic
11 difficulty by keeping its core mission and work force intact;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, President Schmidly, upon fulfilling his five-year
14 commitment as university of New Mexico president in May 2012,
15 plans to return to the faculty to teach, do research and write
16 books;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
18 OF NEW MEXICO that David J. Schmidly of the university of New
19 Mexico be recognized and commended for his service to the
20 university and to the state of New Mexico.