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SENATE MEMORIAL 52

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2018 "UNM DAY" IN THE SENATE IN
RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO
EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE
RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico was founded in 1889;
and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is the state's
flagship research institution, serving nearly thirty-four
thousand students and employing twenty-five thousand New
Mexicans, including employees of the university of New Mexico
hospital; and

WHEREAS, university of New Mexico students attain forty-
seven percent of the state's baccalaureate degrees, forty-two
percent of the state's graduate degrees and eighty-one percent

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1 of the state's doctoral and first professional degrees; and

2 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico annually awards
3 fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) in scholarships; and

4 WHEREAS, there are more than one hundred sixty-nine
5 thousand active alumni, with lobos in every state and nearly
6 one hundred countries; and

7 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico ranked one hundred
8 ninety-sixth out of the world's top one thousand universities
9 in the 2016 center for world university rankings; and

10 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico health sciences
11 center is the state's largest integrated health care treatment,
12 research and education organization, with national rankings for
13 rural medicine, family medicine, nursing and midwifery; and

14 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico provides a research-
15 driven education, where faculty members engage in investigation
16 and scholarship that create new knowledge; and

17 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is ranked thirty-
18 third among the top one hundred worldwide universities granted
19 United States utility patents, recognizing the contributions of
20 the faculty, researchers and inventors to innovation and the
21 drive for economic growth; and

22 WHEREAS, in the past twenty-one years, university of New
23 Mexico researchers have disclosed one thousand eight hundred
24 sixty-three new inventions; and

25 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2017, the university of New Mexico

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1 filed for sixty-eight patents, was awarded seventy-four
2 patents, had fifty-eight option or license agreements and spun
3 off twelve start-up companies; and

4 WHEREAS, since 1996, STC.UNM, the university of New
5 Mexico's technology transfer arm, has been issued five hundred
6 ninety-seven patents and has spun off one hundred thirteen
7 start-up companies; and

8 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's education, public
9 service and research develop and nurture the new knowledge and
10 ideas that will bring sustained wealth to New Mexico's economy;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
12 OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2018 be declared "UNM Day" in
13 the senate and that the university of New Mexico be commended
14 for its service and dedication to the residents of New Mexico;
15 and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the president of the university of New Mexico.