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SENATE MEMORIAL 26

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 30, 2017 "UNM DAY" IN THE SENATE IN
RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'S DEDICATION TO
EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE TO 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 thirty-five thousand
students and employing twenty-seven thousand New Mexicans,
including employees of the university of New Mexico hospital;
and

WHEREAS, university of New Mexico students attain forty-
six percent of the state's baccalaureate degrees and eighty
percent of New Mexico's doctoral and first professional

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1 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, *Hispanic Business Magazine* recently ranked the
11 university of New Mexico in the top ten in the country for best
12 business school, best engineering school, best law school and
13 best medical school; and

14 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico health sciences
15 center is the state's largest integrated health care treatment,
16 research and education organization, with top ten national
17 rankings for rural medicine, family medicine, nursing and
18 midwifery; and

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

22 WHEREAS, since 2008, the university of New Mexico has
23 received over two billion five hundred million dollars
24 (\$2,500,000,000) in contracts and research rewards; and

25 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2016, the university of New Mexico

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

4 WHEREAS, in the past twenty years, the university of New
5 Mexico has filed for one thousand two hundred eighty-eight
6 patents, has been issued five hundred twenty-three patents and
7 has spun off one hundred three 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 30, 2017 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.