

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 9, 2017 "BURRELL COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC  
3 MEDICINE DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, established in 2013, the Burrell college of  
6 osteopathic medicine is an accredited post-secondary medical  
7 school located in the New Mexico state university Arrowhead  
8 research center in Las Cruces; and

9 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine is  
10 a privately funded medical school in a unique public-private  
11 partnership with New Mexico state university; and

12 WHEREAS, the doctor of osteopathic medicine program is a  
13 four-year osteopathic medical curriculum of clinical and  
14 classroom learning that focuses on a holistic view of  
15 medicine; and

16 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine is  
17 focused on increasing diversity in the physician workforce  
18 and fostering a practice of life-long learning, compassion,  
19 respect and excellence in its students; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Burrell college of osteopathic  
21 medicine enrolled its inaugural class of one hundred sixty-  
22 two students; and

23 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine has  
24 assisted in creating one hundred eight new residency  
25 positions, including multiple residencies in psychiatry,

1 neuromusculoskeletal medicine and internal medicine; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico faces a health care crisis with  
3 limited access to primary health care physicians, especially  
4 in rural areas and tribal lands; and

5 WHEREAS, over the next several years, it is estimated  
6 that New Mexico will lose thirty-five percent of its existing  
7 primary care physicians to retirement; and

8 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine's  
9 core initiatives include the mission to focus on providing  
10 primary care physicians to tribal lands and rural New Mexico;  
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12 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine has  
13 been working with tribal health care providers, including the  
14 federal Indian health service and individual tribal health  
15 care facilities, and has established a working relationship  
16 with the Indian health service Navajo area serving the Navajo  
17 Nation; and

18 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine is  
19 striving to create a more culturally, ethnically and  
20 socioeconomically diverse physician population;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 9,  
23 2017 be declared "Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine  
24 Day" in the house of representatives; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Burrell college of

1 osteopathic medicine be recognized for its commitment to  
2 providing quality health care to the rural and tribal  
3 communities of New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the chair of the board of trustees of the  
6 Burrell college of osteopathic medicine and the president of  
7 New Mexico state university.

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