

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 17, 2017 "NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY
3 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

4
5 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has been an
6 important educational, cultural, social and economic asset in
7 New Mexico and particularly northern New Mexico since 1893;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university serves nearly
10 four thousand students and has nearly five hundred fifty
11 employees at the school's main campus and centers; and

12 WHEREAS, the vision of New Mexico highlands university
13 is to be a premier university, transforming lives and
14 communities now and for generations to come; and

15 WHEREAS, the core values of New Mexico highlands
16 university are excellence, diversity, accessibility and
17 responsiveness; and

18 WHEREAS, the priorities of New Mexico highlands
19 university are: academic excellence, academic integration
20 and student success; strategic enrollment management; vibrant
21 campus and university life; community partnerships;
22 technological advancement and innovation; and enhanced
23 communication and efficiency across the university; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university effectively
25 serves students across the state, online and on its campuses

1 and centers in Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Farmington, Rio Rancho,
2 Albuquerque and Roswell; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university educates many
4 first-generation students, transforming their lives and the
5 lives of their families and future generations; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has many active
7 alumni, representing every state and many countries, and
8 seeks to effectively reach out to all alumni through the
9 establishment of a vibrant alumni association board of
10 directors; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university is home to the
12 vatos rugby team, a club sport team that won back-to-back
13 national championship titles in 2015 and 2016 at the national
14 small college rugby organization's seven-on-seven
15 tournaments; and

16 WHEREAS, the vatos rugby team has won eighty percent of
17 its matches in the team's twenty-five-year history, and
18 graduated eighty percent of its players from New Mexico
19 highlands university; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Dick Greene of New Mexico highlands
21 university has been selected from among the best scientists
22 in the nation as a Jefferson science fellow by the national
23 academies of science, engineering and medicine, and will work
24 with the United States agency for international development;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university awarded over
2 five million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$5,700,000) in
3 scholarships and grants to students during the 2015-2016
4 academic cycle; and

5 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university is a
6 Hispanic-serving institution, with more than fifty percent
7 enrolled Hispanic students, and strives to be a Native
8 American-serving institution, with nearly eight percent
9 enrolled Native American students; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has been
11 awarded about fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in grants
12 since 2015; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university welcomes
14 students from northern New Mexico, all of New Mexico, the
15 United States and the world;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 17, 2017 be declared
18 "New Mexico Highlands University Day" in the senate; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico highlands
20 university be commended for its service and dedication to the
21 residents of New Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the president of New Mexico highlands
24 university.
